

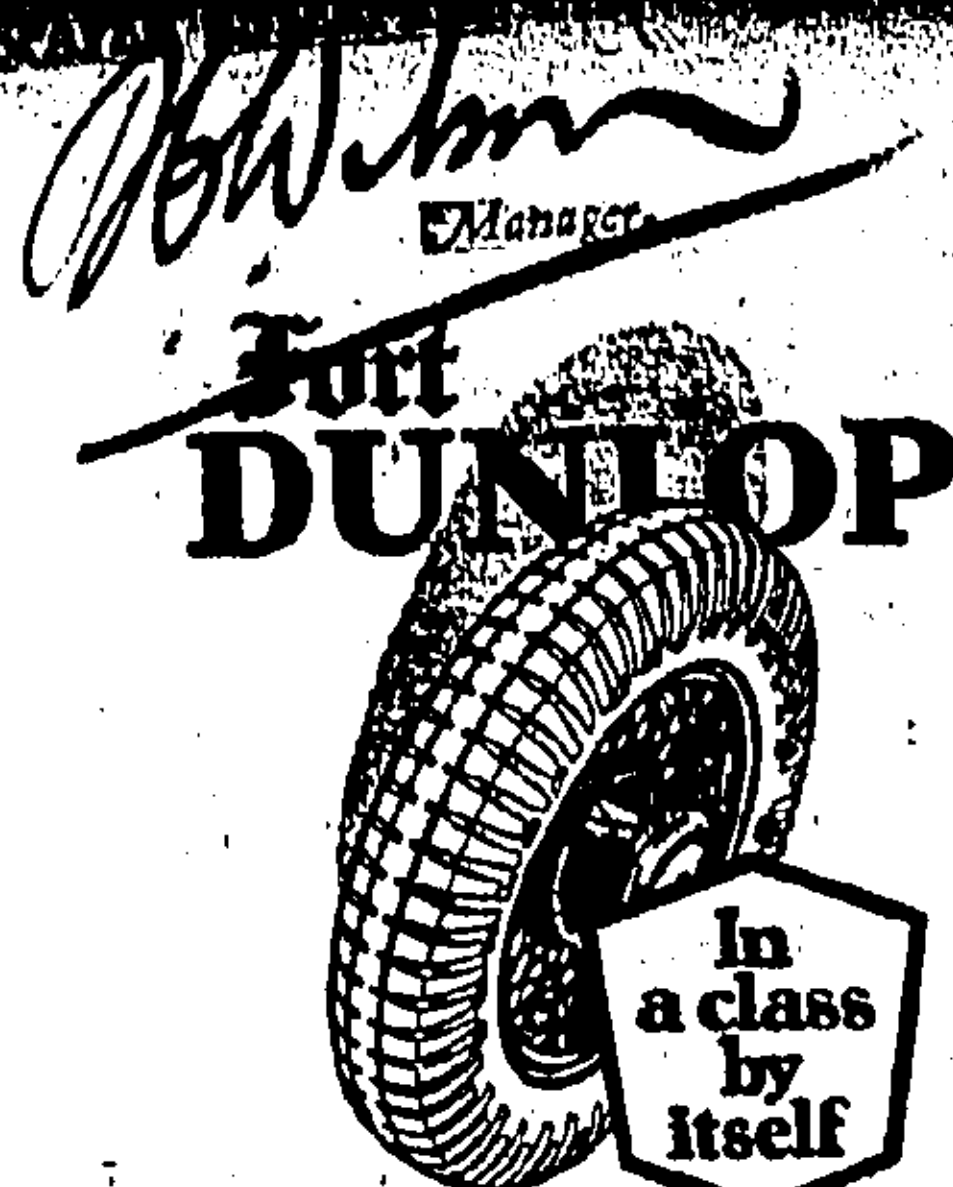


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THE BASSE FORTUNE DISPUTE.

Stiff Legal Encounter Before China.

RELATIVES AND IMPERIALISM.

Berlin, Yesterday.
A stiff legal encounter is promised before the Chinese authorities can secure Herr Basse's fortune.

News of the bequest has reached the ears of two of Herr Basse's relatives, living at Bonn and Breslau, who have lodged a counter-claim arguing that for an European to leave money to China and for a millionaire to leave it for work against Imperialism proves the mental instability of the Testator.—Reuter.

GREAT LOSS TO THE MINISTRY.

Death of the Dean of York.

FORMER HARROW HEADMASTER

(Reuter's Special Service.)

London, Yesterday.
The death of the Dean of York, a former Headmaster of Harrow School, is reported.

[The Very Rev. Lionel George Bridge Justice Ford, who is in his sixty-seventh year, has been Dean of York since 1925.

He is the son of the late William Augustus and Katherine Mary Justice Ford.

He was educated at Repton School of which institution he became Head, being captain of the College cricket eleven in 1884 and 1887. He was ordained deacon in 1893 and entered priesthood two years later.

His school appointments were as follows:—Assistant master at Eton 1888-1901; Headmaster of Repton, 1901-1910; and Headmaster of Harrow 1910-1925. He was president of the Cambridge Union in 1887, and is M.A., D.D., Hon. Ph.D. (Athens).]

BRITAIN WIPING THE SLATE.

End of Huge Debt to the U.S. in Sight.

WALL STREET OPINION.

New York, Yesterday.
Within a short space Britain is wiping the slate clean as far as America is concerned. According to well informed Wall Street opinion, Britain is repaying \$30,000,000 on Tuesday, and \$20,000,000 on April 5, thus paying off the loan of \$200,000,000 obtained last August for a period of 12 months.—Reuter's American Service.

LINDBERGH BABY MYSTERY.

Dramatic Statement Now Made.

RETURN ALMOST ASSURED.

Norfolk (Virginia)

Yesterday.
The Lindbergh Baby is to be returned within this week, may be to-morrow.

This dramatic statement was made by Dr. Dobson Peacock to the Lindberghs.

A Norfolk clergyman who is acting as intermediary, Dr. Peacock, declares he had actually seen the baby which is understood to be held either in the region of North Carolina or on a boat about thirty miles from Norfolk.—Reuter's American Service.

THE SHANGHAI PEACE CONFERENCE

ENTERING ON A CRITICAL SESSION

BUSINESS RESUMING ON APRIL 1.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, To-day.

The Peace Conference will be facing one of the most critical sessions since its inception when it reassembles on Monday morning, inasmuch as the Chinese are insisting on the Japanese withdrawal from districts adjacent to the Settlement, while the Japanese emphasise that a line from Woosung through Kiangwan to Chapei represents the extreme limit of their concessions.

The public is dissatisfied with the meagre communiques relative to the Conference. Nobody knows exactly what is transpiring behind the closed doors of the British Consulate and consequently speculation is rampant and all sorts of wild rumours are disturbing the public mind.

BUSINESS RESUMING ON APRIL 1.

All businesses in Shanghai are resuming on April 1, following a joint Conference of Shanghai citizens and the Federation of Amalgamated Street Unions both in the Settlement and in Frenchtown, in which over 50 prominent business leaders attended.

LIFTING OF CURFEW.

This decision may accelerate the lifting of the curfew which is causing increasing restiveness among the Chinese and Foreign public, retarding the wheels of commerce and delaying the return to normalcy.

The Municipal Council will be announcing the decision this week.

CHINESE BROKER AND GUNMEN.

Shanghai, To-day.

Chang, a popular real estate broker, narrowly escaped the clutches of gunmen who were about to kidnap him in front of the Great Eastern Ballroom here.

Chang was preparing to drive home in the early hours of the morning when four armed gangsters stepped up to the automobile intending to drive off in it. Chang, without warning, suddenly swerved the car backward at such terrific speed that he himself was thrown to the ground.

The gangsters were surprised and fled in all directions. No shots were fired.

HAPPY VALLEY RACING.

Record Broken by Season Ticket.

[By "Wombat"]

The first stage of the Easter Meeting was conducted at Happy Valley in glorious weather on Saturday afternoon and the fact that the going was in such excellent condition was conducive to fast times.

The existing record for six furlongs was broken in the Australian pony class by Dr. L. Reidy's Season Ticket which won in 1 min. 21.2/5 secs.

Racing throughout the day was up to a high standard and the meeting must be written down as a wonderful success.

Accident to Mr. Ahern.

An incident happened just as the ponies were going to the post in the Australian "B" Class Handicap. Vecta, which was ridden by Mr. Ahern, began to rear and jump about and eventually came down, rolling over Mr. Ahern who received a severe shaking. He was assisted to the

jockey room where he was attended to by Dr. J. C. MacGown, who refused to allow him to ride for the rest of the afternoon. Enquiries made since show that Mr. Ahern is, happily, well again and will participate in to-day's meeting.

Chang's Leading Jockey.
Mr. Y. S. Chang was the most successful jockey riding three winners. Mr. L. C. Frost had two wins and Mr. Ip Kui Ying also had two wins.

Helter Shelter, ridden by Mr. D. Black, paid the biggest dividend of the day. Mistletoe also paid well.

SELECTIONS.

1ST RACE:—

Hetman.

Sitting Bull.

Gold Key.

2ND RACE:—

But After That.

Canny.

Choy Pak.

3RD RACE:—

Gold Key.

Valorous.

4TH RACE:—

Mistletoe.

Hoosdy.

High Jinks.

ANTI-JAPANESE MOVE IN AMERICA.

Clash Outside Embassy in Washington.

IMPERIALISM DENOUNCED.

Washington, Yesterday.
Several persons were injured in a clash outside the Japanese Embassy here to-day when the Police broke up a radical demonstration at which banners were carried denouncing Japanese Imperialism in China.—Reuter's American Service.

THE INCIDENT AT MALTA.

Consul Leaves Suddenly for Rome.

CHRONICLE MAKES ALLEGATIONS.

Malta, Yesterday.
Presumably as a sequel to the Giunta incident, the Italian Consul left Malta to-day, unexpectedly. It is believed that he has left for Rome.

Signor Giunta was reported to have made a speech on the indignation aroused in Italy by the abolition of Italian as a subject of instruction in the elementary schools of Malta, saying: "England must not pull the cord too hard, otherwise it will snap. All the cannon, fleets and money in the world will not avail to prevent the rise of the People."

The Chronicle's Allegation.
The Italian Foreign Office issued a statement denying "The Rumours attributing to Signor Giunta a declaration of a political character," to which the Chronicle replies to-day. It alleges that Signor Giunta, on his arrival in Malta, vehemently attacked the Italian Consul and the Secretary of the local Fascist Organisation because they did not wear black shirts when they boarded the steamer to receive him.

"You Sheep!"
The Consul tried to calm him, the newspaper states, pointing out that the situation was delicate. Signor Giunta shouted: "You sheep. I want to hear no excuses. We must teach these—English what Fascism is."

The Consul then pointed out that they were in British territory and they must be prudent. To this Signor Giunta is alleged to have angrily retorted: "Here we are in Italy, on the highway to our African Empire, and on the most Fascist highway Italy has."

Tripoli, Yesterday.
On arrival here Signor Giunta bitterly complained that he had been misrepresented by reporters at Malta. He declares: "Replying to a welcome by the Italian colony at Malta, I referred to the age old Anglo-Italian friendship and expressed the hope that Italian language and culture in Malta will be preserved."—Reuter.

5TH RACE:—

Until Then.

The Rainstorm.

Chiu Quan.

6TH RACE:—

Glengale.

King's Bounty.

Boxing Eve.

7TH RACE:—

Phlanderer.

Amoy.

8TH RACE:—

Woodland Stag.

Polar Star.

Season Ticket.

9TH RACE:—

Princess Hall.

King's Service.

Champagne Bay.

10TH RACE:—

Powhatan.

Deveron.

Festival Eve.

11TH RACE:—

Don.

Chivalrous.

Wembley Stag.

PRESENT SITUATION IN IRELAND

QUIET EASTER

CLASH BETWEEN RIVAL ARMIES EXPECTED IN NEAR FUTURE.

MR. DE VALERA SURPRISED

Dublin, Yesterday.

Although the Easter demonstration passed quietly in the Irish Free State and Northern Ireland, there exists an undoubtedly grave apprehension as to how long this paradoxical state of affairs can continue.

The feeling is prevalent that sooner or later friction will break out between the Free State Army and the Irish Republican Army as it is well known that the Republicans still have arms and ammunition secretly stored in various parts of the country.

The Irish Republican Army issued a warning to Mr. De Valera's Government to-day that it will remain an organised force until the Anglo-Irish Treaty is scrapped "Lock, stock and Barrel," thus shattering Mr. De Valera's belief that the removal of the Oath of Allegiance and the settlement of the land annuities would win the I.R.A.'s loyal support and bring about the dissolution of the Army.

To-day, 5,000 of the Irish Republican Army openly flaunted its strength in Dublin with a mass parade at which a proclamation by the I.R.A. Army Council, couched in unequivocal terms, was read out warning the De Valera Government that "The proclamation of the Republic in 1916 remains for us the fundamental declaration of the right and authority to fight for a free Ireland."—Reuter.

HOME FOOTBALL.

Matches Down for Decision To-day.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

London, Yesterday.

Division I.

Blackburn R.	v.	Sheffield U.
Derby County	v.	Arsenal
Liverpool	v.	Huddersfield T.
Manchester C.	v.	Birmingham
Middlesbrough	v.	Grimsby T.
Portsmouth	v.	Blackpool
Sheffield W.	v.	West Ham U.
W. Bromwich A.	v.	Everton

Division II.

Barnsley	v.	Port Vale
Bradford	v.	Leeds United
Derby County	v.	Arsenal
Bristol City	v.	Burnley
Charlton A.	v.	Manchester U.
Chesterfield	v.	Preston N.E.
Notts County	v.	Bury
Plymouth A.	v.	Oldham A.
Southampton	v.	Nottingham F.
Stoke City	v.	Tottenham H.
Swansea Town	v.	Millwall
W. Hampton W.	v.	Bradford

Division III. (South)

B'mouth & B.A.	v.	Swindon T.
Cardiff City	v.	Gillingham
Coventry C.	v.	N'hampton T.
Exeter City	v.	Reading
Fulham	v.	Thames
Mansfield T.	v.	Luton T.
Norwich C.	v.	Crystal Palace
Queen's P.R.	v.	Clapton O.
Southend U.	v.	Brentford
Torquay U.	v.	Bristol Rovers
Watford	v.	Brighton & H.A.

Division III. (North)

Barrow	v.	Hartlepool U.
Gateshead	v.	Darlington
Doncaster R.	v.	Southport
Hull City	v.	Walsall
Rochdale	v.	Cheney
Rotherham U.	v.	York City
Tranmere R.	v.	Carlisle U.
Wigan A.	v.	Crews A.
Wrexham	v.	New Brighton
	v.	Stockport C.

RUSSIA TO APPEAR BEFORE BAR?

Unparalleled Barbarism Asserted.

ROUMANIAN PLEA.

Bucharest, Yesterday.
Russia is likely to appear at the Bar of the League of Nations according to Prime Minister, M. Jorga in a speech in the Chamber.

He said: "Unparalleled barbarism is the only description of the Soviet's treatment of the Moldavian peasants who were trying to cross the Frontier into Roumania," he declared. "It is a daily occurrence for peasants to be shot dead or left to die on the ice, when they attempted to flee from Russia."

M. Jorga added that as Roumania has no relations with Russia they are presenting a report to the League of Nations.—Reuter.

THE COMMISSION IN NANKING.

Elaborate Welcome Staged.

FOUR DAYS' STAY.

(Reuter's Pacific Service.)

Nanking, Yesterday.
The city was gay with flags and the streets lined with people to welcome the Lytton Commission this morning.

The party was officially met on board the steamer Tuckwe by Mr. Lo Wen-kan, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and then motored through the streets to the buildings of the Officers' Moral Endeavour Society, where the members of the Commission are being quartered.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei is giving a lunch in honour of the Commission to-morrow, and a full programme of entertainment has been fixed for the four days that the Commission is expected to remain here.

KWEICHOW CHAIRMAN DISMISSED.

Appointment of Wang Chin-lich.

(Reuter's Pacific Service.)

Nanking, Yesterday.
The Executive Yuan to-day dismissed Mao Kuang-hsiang, the Kweichow Chairman, and are appointing in his stead Wang Chin-lich.

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"THE SPIDER."

Give a hardened murder mystery addict a novel twist in plots to worry over, and you gain his undivided interest. Add a mystifying solution and his happiness will know no bounds. But when in addition to these, you ask him to sit in and help unravel the case, well, you are putting Mr. Addict in the seventh heaven of delight, reserved exclusively for amateur sleuths.

This is exactly what happens in "The Spider," a tinging Fox thriller, which is now showing at the King's Theatre, with Edmund Lowe portraying the role of the master magician, whose super dexterity with feats of magic solves the strange and baffling crime around which the drama revolves. The audience, as in the stage play of the same name, is fused with the participants in the drama in this unusual cinematic threat, thereby making each spectator an important witness in the case, a witness who at any moment may be called upon to testify.

A murder is committed in the midst of a mind reading act. Police arrest the audience, the drama descends from the stage to the auditorium, and envelopes each spectator. William Cameron Menzies and Kenneth MacKenna, co-directors, have, by a most ingenious use of the sound camera, succeeded admirably in maintaining the illusion that each spectator of the picture is an actual witness of the crime. "The Spider" impinges new thrills upon those of the usual mystery drama.

Edmund Lowe as "Chatrand The Great" adds another vividly drawn character to his long list of screen portraits. He does a corking job. Lois Moran, featured with him, is superb. There were moments when she made this hardened reviewer wink back the tears.

El Brendel and George E. Stone, prominent players, and Earle Foxe, Fumell Pratt and Warren Hymer, all add immensely to the dramatic intensity and unbounded hilarity which marks this swirling pageant of breath-taking entertainment. The remainder of the large cast is made up of very skillful players and there are hundreds of other carefully chosen interesting types who compose the audience.

"CONFESSIONS OF A CO-ED."

The first American college story authentic in all its details, "Confessions of a Co-Ed," has been brought to the screen by Paramount and will show at the King's Theatre, starting Thursday next. "Confessions of a Co-Ed," based on the intimate facts in the day-to-day diary of an anonymous co-ed, whose own highly dramatic and intensely emotional experiences reflect the thoughts and actions of all modern college youths, deals with one of the most vital and interesting phases of present-day life. In it are pictures of the joys, the rivalries, the jealousies and love affairs of young men and beautiful girls, many of them away from home, "on their own," for the first time in their lives.

Acted by two interesting young college men, Phillips Holmes and Norman Foster, and a young stage star who has risen rapidly to movie prominence, Sylvia Sidney, in the featured roles, "Confessions of a Co-Ed" is college life as it is lived. Sylvia Sidney, a freshman, is rush-

ed by a prominent sorority and by two handsome men, Holmes and Foster during the first college days. Swept off her feet by Holmes' wooing, she falls to notice the jealousy of Claudia Dell, a sorority sister. She repulses the advances of Foster.

Posing as Sylvia's friend Claudia seeks to separate Holmes and an exciting climax follows. The drama of this love affair is carried on in a highly charged atmosphere of intense emotion, against a colourful background of gay fraternity life, campus flirtations, house-parties.

"ALIBI."

There is one sequence in the film version of "Alibi," which is coming to the Queen's Theatre on Thursday, and in which much fun was obtained by actors when the film was being shot. The setting was a billiard room, and John Deverell, who sustains the chief comedy role, is said to have surpassed himself in more ways than one. He banged the balls about to such good purpose that during one "take" in an excess of zeal, he succeeded in sending two of them off the table, and one just missed the "mike." Austin Trevor contrived to look both amazed and amused, and Leslie Hiscott would have liked to include this take in the completed film. However, he saw consoling opposition owing to language difficulties created by the sound staff.

ROUND THE WORLD IN 80 MINUTES.

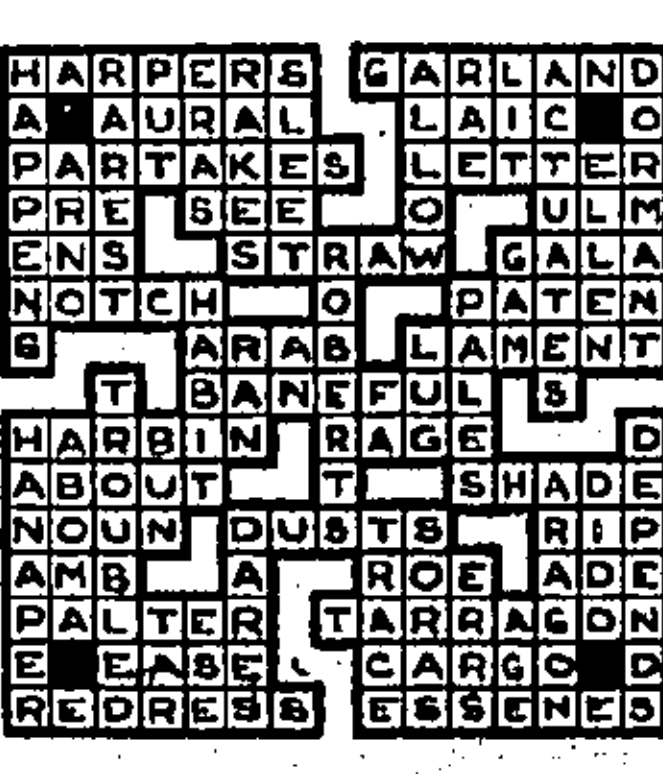
Those who have not seen "Around the World in 80 Minutes" don't forget to attend the Central Theatre within these two days, as it is one of the finest pictures that every theatre-goer can't afford to miss.

To compare this picture with any previous record of travels would not be logical. For while it contains all the vivid reality of a journey to strange lands, it is told on Fairbanks' amusing manner.

Even in its reality there is illusion and magic, there are heroics and thrills, there is lavish spectacle. But above all there is human of a type that transforms the bizarre scenes and Arabian Nights colour of the Orient into ruddy laughter. In editing his film Fairbanks has the collaboration of Robert Sherwood whose keen wit is known to the public through his magazine essays and stage comedies.

There is a sparkle to the new Fairbanks film that keeps the audience amused throughout. It also has the further merit of being worthwhile from an instructional as well as entertainment standpoint. It is the sort that sophisticated grownups will want to see and will not hesitate to bring children to, for there is enough adventure, novelty, thrills, and romance to gratify the wildest tastes in amusements.

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION.



RADIO TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 855 metres (845 K.C.'s):—

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-10.30 p.m.—European Programme of Victor and Columbia Records.

7 p.m.—Mail Notice, etc.
7.8-7.12 p.m.—Orchestral.
Apache Dance (Offenbach),
La Golondrina (The Swallow) (Serradell),
Victor Salon Orchestra
21055 Vic.

7.12-8 p.m.—Variety.
Negro Spiritual—
Run, Mary, Run,
Nobody Knows de Trouble I See,
Edna Thomas (Soprano) Col. 5194.

Song—
In my Young Days,
The Nut Brown Ale of England,
Ernest Hastings Col. 5642.

Instrumental—
Hilo—Hawaiian March,
Drowsy Waters,
Kane's Hawaiians Vic. 20702.

Song—
Because No Power on Earth Can
Pull it Down,
The Barrers in the Walworth
Road,
Norman Long Col. DB292.

Descriptive Ballad—
The Village Blacksmith,
Columbia Dramatic Players
Col. 5680.

Saxophone Solo—
Marilyn,
Saxema, Rudy Wiedoeft
Vic. 21152.

Song—
Mighty Lak' a Rose,
Kentucky, Babe,
Vaughn De Leath (Soprano)
Vic. 20664.

Song—
If You Can't Have the Girl of
Your Dreams,
A Big Bouquet for You,
Charles Lawman (Tenor)
Col. DB355.

8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather
Report.
8.4-8.20 p.m.
Sonata Appassionata (In F Minor)
(Beethoven, Op. 57),
Harold Bauer (Pianist).

1st Movement—
Allegro assai,
2nd Movement—
Andante con moto,
3rd Movement—
Allegro ma non troppo,
Vic. 6697/6698.

Ballet Egyptian Suite (Luigini),
played by the Concert Orchestra
Col. 35794/35795.

8.38-9 p.m.—Operatic.
Song—
Tosca—Love and Music
(Puccini),
Cavalleria Rusticana—Well You
Know, Good Mother (Mascagni),
Maria Jeritza Vic. 1346.

Band—
Aida—Introduction and Moorish
Ballet (Verdi),
Aida—Grand March and Finale
(Verdi),
Creator's Band Vic. 35780.

Song—
La Sonnambula—As I View These
Scenes (Bellini),
Mefistofele—Hall, Sovereign Lord
(Boito),
Feodor Chaliapin (Bass)
Vic. 1269.

9-9.20 p.m.—Musical Comedy and
Talkie Tunes.
A Warm Corner—Laughter
Record,
Leslie Henson, Heather, Thatcher,
Austin Connle, Eddias, Kim
Peacock, Melford, and
Prince's Theatre, London
Company Col. DB146.

Whoopie—Film Songs Medley,
Billy Cotton and His Band
Col. DB382.

Nippy—
While We're in Love.

Arthur Riscoe & Betty Shale.

Nippy—
A Couple of Fine Old Schools,
Clifford Mollison and Arthur
Riscoe Col. DB351.

9.20-9.50 p.m.—Instrumental.
Piano Solo—Minstrels (Debussy),
William Murdoch Col. 5187.

Violoncello Solo—
Goyescas—Intermezzo
(Granados),
Adagio (Bach-Silotti-Casals),
Pablo Casals Vic. 6635.

Quartet—Minuet—Transcription
(From Sonata in C (Schubert),
Lener String Quartet
Col. DB290.

Piano Solo—
Variations in C Minor
(Beethoven),
Sergei Rachmanoff Vic. 6544.

Violin Solo—
Caprice Viennois (Kreisler),
Naoum Blinder Col. DX7.

9.50-10.30 p.m.—Gilbert and
Sullivan Vocal Gems.
The Yeomen of the Guard,
Columbia Light Opera Company
Col. 9554.

Patience,
Columbia Light Opera Company
Col. DX38.

The Gondollers,
Columbia Light Opera Company
Col. 9585.

Iolanthe,
Columbia Light Opera Company
Col. DX17.

The Mikado,
Columbia Light Opera Company
Col. 9681.

10.30 p.m.—Rugby Mid-day Press
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10.35 p.m.—Close Down.
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greeting,
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In draughts of joy the wondrous
tale repeating
Of Life through Death, the
Passover divine!

And gather all the gorgeous flowers
of gladness,
To deck with faith and hope each
waiting heart,

With friendship's stately palms to
banish sadness
For those who in earth's sorrows
bear a part.

Spread o'er the oaken board of
simple kindness
The cloth of Truth, whose white-
ness satisfies;

With million covers of a courteous
blindness
For what seem faults to our
exacting eyes.

Pile high the fruits of every gener-
ous feeling,
The dainties of a thoughtfulness
sincere;

Hear up the sweets of love, their
peace revealing,
The savouries of helpfulness and
cheer!

Then, lastly, pluck the precious
sprig that mortals
Call Memory, and garnish all with
care,

And by each sprig, and at the
feast-room's portals,
Just lay that fragrant bud men
call a prayer!

So those we hold most dear, though
leagues may sever
Our lives from theirs, shall join
us soul to soul,

For memory and prayer are buds
that ever
Bring heartease blooms to pay
the swift years' toll.

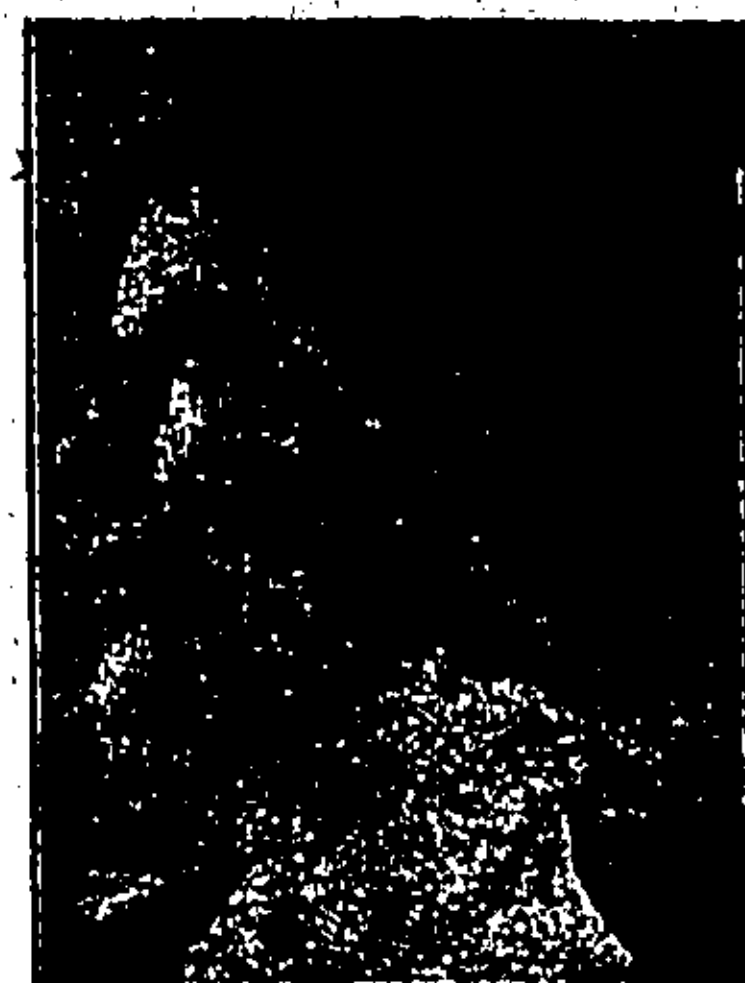
Thus shall we have a feast worth
angels' praises,
More glorious than Elysian
banquets rare;

And music we shall hear, a song
whose phrases
And melody make festive all the
air;

There is no song more radiant in
its sweetness—
From sun-lit hills and sea-cave's
darkest prison
It rises, thrilling earth to new com-
pleteness—
"Come, keep the Feast! Know
that the Lord is risen!"
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LESSON-SERMON.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hong Kong.

"Reality" was the subject of the
Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of
Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, March
27. . . .

The Golden Text was,—"Since the
beginning of the world, men have
not heard, nor perceived by the ear,
neither hath the eye seen, O God,
beside thee, what he hath prepared
for him that waiteth for him." (Isaiah 64: 4.)

Among the citations which com-
prised the Lesson-Sermon was the
following from the Bible,—"Finally,
brethren, whatsoever things are
true, whatsoever things are honest,
whatsoever things are just, whatso-
ever things are pure, whatsoever
things are lovely, whatsoever things
are of good report; if there be any
virtue, and if there be any praise,
think on these things." (Phil. 4;
8.)

The Lesson-Sermon also included
the following passage from the
Christian Science textbook, "Science
and Health, with Key to the Scrip-
tures," by Mary Baker Eddy,—"Life,
Truth, and Love are the real-
ities of divine Science. They
dawn in faith and glow full-orbed
in spiritual understanding. As a
cloud hides the sun it cannot ex-
tinguish, so false belief silences for
a while the voice of immutable
harmony, but false belief cannot
destroy Science armed with faith,
hope, and fruition. (p. 298.)

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From sun-lit hills and sea-cave's
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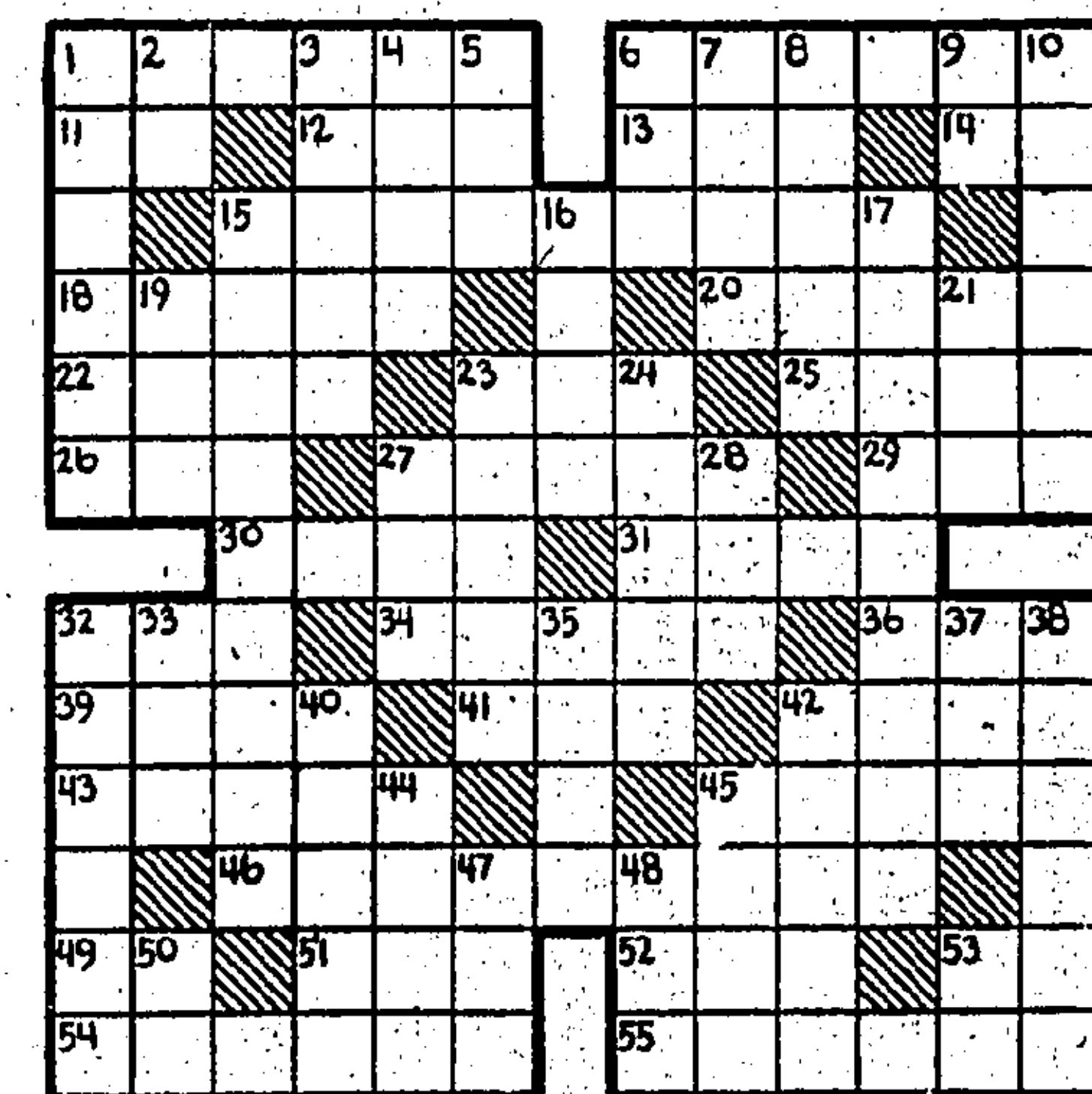
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

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spellings, such as harbor, glow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL	HORIZONTAL (Cont.)	VERTICAL (Cont.)
1-Plain	41-Black sticky substance	8-Extremely
6-Laud	42-Fastens	10-Consider
11-Preposition	43-Enties in an account	15-Doubted
12-Fragment of cloth	45-Cavities in the earth's surface	16-Thin
13-Clear of	46-Express disapproval of	17-Story
14-Bone (Latin)	49-Printer's measure	19-Roe (Scott)
15-A single card of a suit	51-Born (French)	21-A taste
18-Not refined	52-Exit	22-Assault, as of troops
20-Rub out	53-Railway (abbr.)	24-Small candle
22-Comfort	54-Wanted	27-Skill
23-A grain	55-Supplies with resolution	28-Inflamed
25-One of the Great Lakes		32-Accended
26-Material with a corded surface		33-A rodent
27-Record of a single year		35-Appoint
29-Revolution per minute (abbr.)		36-Unit
30-Part of the head		38-Endeavors
31-Leaning tower		40-To change anything for the better
32-Part of a circle		42-Father (Latin)
34-Dogmas		44-A German near-admiral (World War)
35-Part of the foot		46-Attention
38-Grade		47-Crimson
		48-Food container
		50-Pronoun
		53-Musical note

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in
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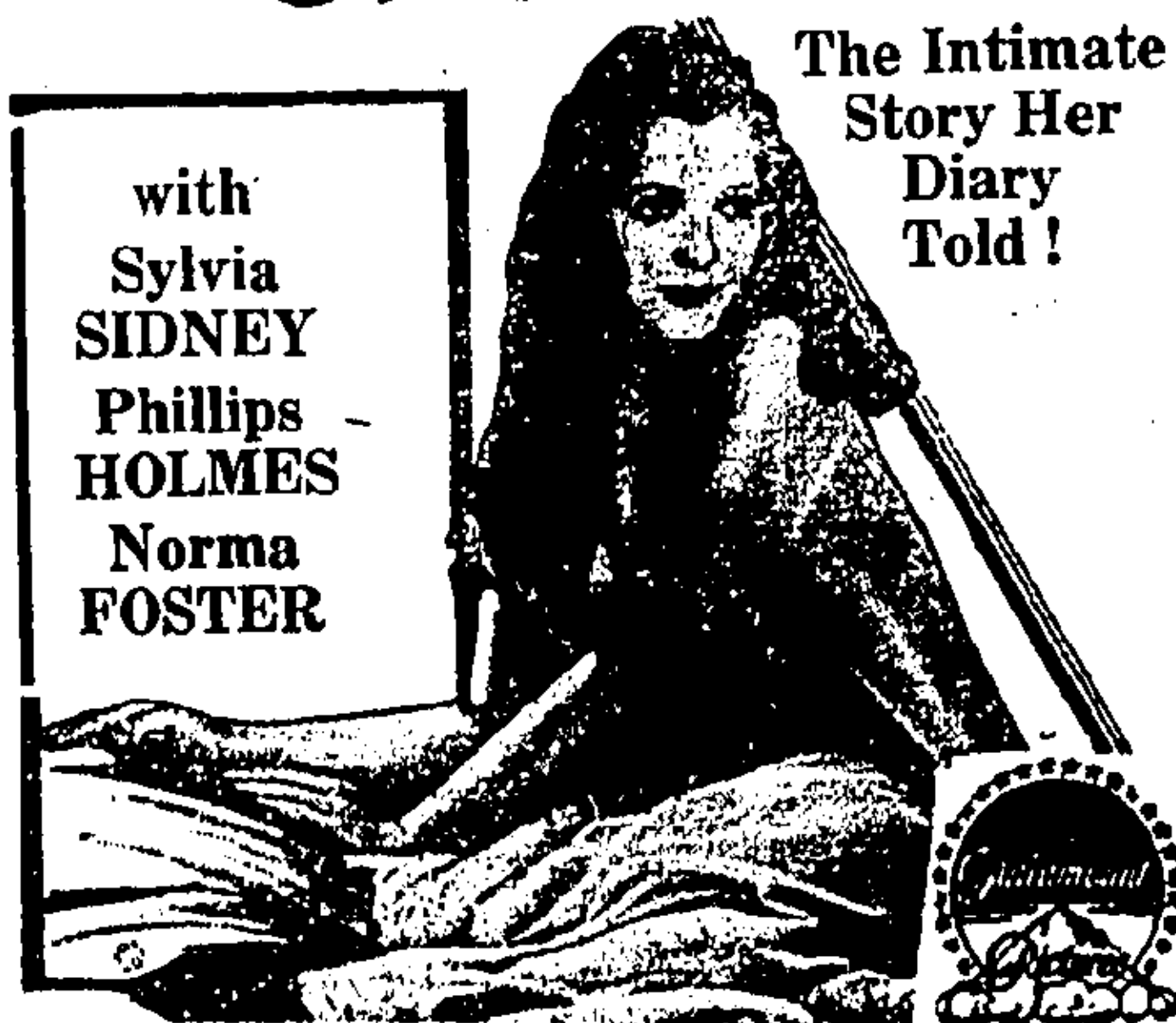
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Cricket.

LEAGUE II.

CRAIGENGOWER WIN
BY 51 RUNS.

(at Happy Valley.)

R.A.S.C.

Pamplin, b Sourbutts	0
Gray, c Souza, b Way	4
Keene, run out	1
Whitley, not out	32
Reynolds, b Way	5
Barlow, b Way	0
Lazenby, b Way	0
Funnel, c & b Way	9
Buckland, run out	3
Castelow, c McBride, b Lee	0
Extras (B1)	1

Total 55
Falls of Wickets:—1 for 4, 2 for 4, 3 for 16, 4 for 23, 5 for 23, 6 for 23, 7 for 43, 8 for 54, 9 for 55.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.			
O.	M.	R.	W.
Way	7	0	39
Sourbutts	5	1	15
Lee	2	2	0

C.C.C.

W. Reed, c Buckland, b Whitley	10
E. Souza, c Sub. (Hunt), b Gray	13
J. W. Leonard, c Funnel, b Whitley	6
R. Lee, c & b Whitley	27
R. Sourbutts, c Castelow, b Gray	13
W. K. Way, c Buckland, b Gray	1
A. A. Lewis, b Whitley	45
E. C. G. Barry, b Pamplin	28
F. Broadbridge, b Lazenby	1
J. Hunt, c Buckland, b Whitley	4
W. R. McBride, not out	6
Extras (B4)	4

Total 116
Fall of Wickets:—1 for 23, 2 for 33, 3 for 33, 4 for 33, 5 for 33, 6 for 35, 7 for 35, 8 for 40, 9 for 96, 10 for 116.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.			
O.	M.	R.	W.
Whitley	11	3	29
Gray	10	0	41
Barlow	2	0	18
Lazenby	5	1	13
Reynolds	2	0	5
Pamplin	1	0	6

TABLE TO DATE.

League II.

Indian R.C.	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.	Pts.
Indian R.C.	9	7	1	1	27	27
Kowloon C.C.	9	6	2	0	27	21
Beetle	9	6	2	0	27	20
Craigengower	10	5	0	5	30	15
Borderers	9	4	2	3	27	14
Police R.C.	10	3	3	4	30	12
R.E. & Sigs.	10	3	3	4	30	12
University	9	2	2	5	27	8
Hong Kong C.C.	8	2	1	5	24	7
R.A.S.C.	8	2	1	5	24	7
Civil Service	10	0	4	6	30	4

Friendly Matches.

KOWLOON C.C. FIND BECK
TROUBLESOME.

(at the K.C.C.)

Scores:—

E. R. Duckitt, b Burnett	1
J. E. Richardson, b Burnett	36
L. T. Ride, b Madar	11
G. R. Sayer, b Lyl	89
A. C. Hamilton, c & b Madar	10
R. H. Griffiths, l.b.w., b Lyl	0
H. Owen Hughes, c Madar, b Goodwin	17
E. J. R. Mitchell, not out	52
A. C. Beck, b Goodwin	15
A. Reid, st. Hunter, b Lyl	22
D. McLellan, st. Hunter, b Lyl	11
Extras (B11 NB2)	13

Total 277
Fall of the wickets:—1 for 5, 2 for 37, 3 for 70, 4 for 84, 5 for 87, 6 for 124, 7 for 172, 8 for 221, 9 for 254.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.			
O.	M.	R.	W.
Burnett	22	4	74
Lyl	20.5	2	86
Madar	13	1	52
Goodwin	8	0	35
Smith	4	0	17

* bowled two no balls.

Kowloon C.C.

E. C. Fincher, l.b.w., b Beck	13
N. A. E. Mackay, c Owen	26
Hughes, b McLellan	44
E. F. Fincher, run out	13
P. Madar, c Reid, b Beck	0
F. S. W. Smith, c Richardson	0
b Beck	12
J. C. Lyl, not out	10
F. Goodwin, c & b Beck	10
G. C. Burnett, not out	18
Extras (B16 LB2)	18

Total (for 6 wickets) 185

Our Sports Diary.

TO-DAY.

CRICKET—Kowloon C.C. v. Hong Kong C.C. at 11 a.m. (Second Day).
RACING—Second Extra Race Meeting at Happy Valley (Second Day).
FENCING—Hong Kong Fencing Club Meet, 5.15 p.m.
GOLF—Kowloon v. Y.M.C.A.

J. Hunter, G. A. White and A. Howe to bat.
Fall of the wickets:—1 for 23, 2 for 57, 3 for 102, 4 for 102, 5 for 120, 6 for 120.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.			
O.	M.	R.	W.
Beck	15	2	27
Owen Hughes	5	0	19
Reid	8	1	15
Hamilton	6	1	18
McLellan	3	0	26
Duckitt	4	2	13

KOWLOON JUNIORS.
TRIUMPH.

(at the H.K.C.C.)

F. E. Lawrence, b Dunnett	1
A. A. Dand, l.b.w., b Gahagan	27
A. R. F. Raven, b Gahagan	39
Geo. Lee, b Gahagan	15
O. B. Raven, b Gahagan	8
D. S. Green, c Ratten, b Paterson	10
S. W. Carr, b Gahagan	4
A. C. Ridlington, b Gahagan	3
F. E. Skinner, not out	40
H. Overy, b Planner	5
J. Chadwick, b Planner	26
Extras (B22, LB3, NB1)	2

Total 178
Fall of wickets:—1 for 1, 2 for 49, 3 for 89, 4 for 98, 5 for 109, 6 for 115, 7 for 123, 8 for 124, 9 for 173, 10 for 178.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.			
O.	M.	R.	W.
Kilbee	6	0	21
Dunnett	9	2	28
Plummer	3	0	19
Gahagan	9	0	55
Paterson	9	2	29
Planner	1.4	1	0

Hong Kong C.C.

C. E. Gahagan, c & b Skinner	0
J. R. Ratten, b Skinner	13
A. H. Harbord, st. Carr, b Gahagan	1
J. A. H. Plummer, c Dand, b Chadwick	2
L. D. Kilbee, c Lee, b Skinner	1
P. W. Planner, c & b Lee	0
J. B. Davis, c Skinner, b Lee	2
F. F. A. Dunnett, b Lee	10
J. Solbanno, b Lawrence	2
W. Harris-Walker, b Overy	9
R. D. W. Paterson, not out	15
Extras (B25, LB2, NB)	28

Total 88
Fall of wickets:—1 for 0, 2 for 23, 3 for 26, 4 for 28, 5 for 28.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.			
O.	M.	R.	W.
Skinner	6	2	11
Chadwick	4	1	5
Lee	7	3	10
Overy	4	1	20
Lawrence	2	0	9

YACHTING

RACES FOR PRESENTED CUPS.

Three events for Presented Cups were held at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club on Saturday. All the races were over the following course:—Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rock (P), Ramsey Shoal (P) and Channel Rocks (S). Distance: 7.8 miles.

The results were:—

"H" Class.				
(Started at 2.25 p.m.)				
Yacht	Sailed by	Finished	Corrected	Position
Norena (Capt. Krogh Moe)		2.40.20	3.40.20	5
Rolla (Mr. R. Stock)		3.41.53	3.37.20	2
Argulla II (Mr. Gandy)		3.49.15	3.40.09	4
Dorothea (Mr. R. P. Edwards)		3.45.06	3.38.00	1
Diana (Major Bingham)		3.45.03	3.38.33	3

"I" & "Y" Class.				
(Started at 2.30 p.m.)				
Yacht	Sailed by	Finished	Corrected	Position
Daphne (Miss M. Stokes)		3.57.01	3.57.01	2
Alisa (Major Lochner)		4.00.40	4.00.40	5
Why Wonder? (Capt. Powkes)		3.58.02	3.57.23	3
Bluejacket (Major Barry)		4.08.00	4.02.21	7
Boojum (Mr. H. S. Rouse)		3.57.27	3.56.43	1
Speedwell (Major Stewart)		4.00.55	4.00.18	4
Adanae (Cdr. A. H. Walker, R.N.)		4.02.54	4.02.15	6

"G" Class.				
(Started at 2.35 p.m.)				
Yacht	Sailed by	Finished	Corrected	Position
Wendy (Capt. Malone)		4.15.34	4.14.18	2
Eunice (Capt. Rose)		4.08.04	4.06.46	1

Football.

SENIOR SHIELD.	3
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JUNIOR SHIELD.	2
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Hockey.

Radio 1 Cumberland	0
Y.M.C.A. 3 Cumberland	4

Racing.

CASH SWEEP AT A GLANCE.

Race 1.	
No. 227	\$659.20
" 146	191.20
" 52	95.60
Unplaced runners (\$50 each).	
Nos.: 131, 50, 238, 250, 240, 357, 193, 352, 215, 266, 318, 2.	

Race 2.	
No. 72	\$926.80
" 280	264.80
" 100	132.40
Unplaced runners (\$50 each).	
Nos.: 105, 106, 134, 371, 240, 306.	

Race 3.	
No. 379	\$984.20
" 245	281.20
" 615	140.60
Unplaced runners (\$50 each).	
Nos.: 242, 82, 270, 653, 337, 404, 135, 419, 455, 232, 304, 277, 287, 447, 92, 373, 2, 512, 567, 63, 568, 132, 99, 166, 91.	

Race 4.	
No. 173	\$1,498
" 45	321
" 625	321
* Dead heat.	
Unplaced runners (\$50 each).	
Nos.: 80, 259, 345, 297, 467, 27, 163, 464.	

Race 5.	
No. 504	\$1,547
" 528	442
" 418	221
Unplaced runners (\$50 each).	
Nos.: 449, 558, 496, 11, 635, 582, 422, 377, 574.	

Race 6.	
No. 564	\$3,312.40
" 576	946.40
" 363	473.20
Unplaced runners (\$100 each).	
Nos.: 142, 9, 450.	

Race 7.	
No. 113	\$1,701
" 697	436
" 527	243
Unplaced runners (\$50 each).	
Nos.: 472, 120, 113, 735, 493, 64, 82, 306, 800, 332, 443, 304, 650, 512, 640, 117, 45.	

Race 8.	
No. 388	\$1,758.40
" 291	502.40
" 730	251.20
Unplaced runners (\$50 each).	
Nos.: 20, 180, 101, 241, 339, 727, 741, 27, 390, 420, 204, 215.	

Race 9.	
No. 457	\$1,932.60
" 713	525.60
" 279	261.80
Unplaced runners (\$50 each).	
Nos.: 275, 311, 540, 421, 149.	

Race 10.	
No. 382	\$1,878.80
" 403	536.80
" 182	268.40
Unplaced runners (\$50 each).	
Nos.: 269, 371.	

Race 11.	
No. 558	\$1,839.60
" 386	525.60
" 598	262.80
Unplaced runners (\$50 each).	
Nos.: 454, 575, 190, 236, 164, 117, 515, 240, 648, 645, 767, 89, 131, 256.	

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A WHOLE WEEK'S NEWSPAPERS IN ONE.

Latest news of developments in the China - Japan war is given in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

Another satisfactory year's working of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., was reported by Mr. J. H. Taggart, at the ordinary yearly meeting of the Company, which was held on March 18.

The Chairman announced, that the Company had refused an offer of six and a half million dollars for their Shanghai properties. This fact was favourably commented upon by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., and by Chev. J. M. Alves who said that he was optimistic as to the future prosperity of Shanghai. The meeting is fully reported in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

A net profit of \$1,040,823.17 for the year 1931 was reported by Sir Shou-son Chow at the thirteenth ordinary annual meeting of the Bank of East Asia, which was held on March 19, at 10, Des Voeux Road Central. This amount was stated to be somewhat less favourable than the profit for the previous year, but it was nevertheless adequate to enable the same dividend and usual bonus to be maintained. A report of the meeting is given in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

"I am glad that Hong Kong has succeeded in erecting one of these in memory of those who gave their lives for their friends and their country," said His Excellency the Governor in the course of his speech at the opening of the new War Memorial Nursing Home on Mount Kellett, on March 16.

Lady Peel unlocked the door with a gold key, which was presented to her as a memento of the event by the Hon. Mr. W. H. Bell, Chairman of the Committee. The occasion is chronicled in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

At the Hong Kong Rotary Club luncheon on March 22, Mr. C. Champkin delivered a highly entertaining address on Anti-Aircraft Guns.

He made splendid use of the opportunity afforded for recruiting members for the new unit of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps — the Anti-Aircraft Light Automatic Company.

He remarked that the Anti-Aircraft Light Automatic Company anticipated a real and urgent need. The lecture is fully reported in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

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China's Friends.

China's place among the nations has undergone a change as a result of the Sino-Japanese dispute. No country can exist without friends and enemies and whatever China's troubles are at the present, it can safely be said that the first-named outnumber the last-named.

When trouble broke out in Manchuria, European thoughts were not particularly directed towards the Far East, but this trouble soon attracted the attention of the entire civilised world, and shortly afterwards the matter was officially referred to the League of Nations.

At the outset, opinions varied as to the merits and demerits of the respective viewpoints, but from the very first China announced her intention of abiding by the decision of the League, and neither by word or deed has she strayed from that intention. Japan, on the other hand, ever since her early action in Manchuria, the justification of which was possibly debatable, went from length to length until the whole world stood aghast at the horrors which were inflicted upon the helpless civilian population of Chapei and surrounding districts.

In the face of this China maintained an attitude of moderation while the efforts of Britain, France, Italy and Spain were directed towards effecting some immediate relief for stricken China, than towards finding a permanent solution of the whole problem between the two great Asiatic nations.

The Press and many sections of the community were less diffident, and there was scarcely an organ in Britain that did not appeal on behalf of China. America's position is somewhat different from that of the European nations. The United States not being a member of the League, and insofar as she has assisted the Powers over the Far East problem, she has done so in the nature of a stranger within the household, assisting temporarily, during a domestic emergency.

Japan is feared in America, and that to some extent, no doubt accounts for the outburst of anti-Japanese feeling there. If this fear still exists, after the excellent stand made by the Chinese troops against the well-trained and equipped Japanese military, is another problem which may be discussed at a later date.

It is possible, too, that Japan fears America more than she fears Europe as she knows that no European Power will take the initiative individually. America, on the other hand, is comparatively a closer and more important neighbour of Japan's than any other country in the Old World. The States absorb most of Japan's silk crop, and Japan's vast cotton textile trade is dependent upon the Southern States of America for its raw material. Japan cannot afford to risk an embargo either way.

Whatever the motive inspiring American action, the fact remains, satisfactory to China, that the weight of her influence is thrown in the scale together with that of Europe.

Such friendships, made in the hour of China's severe trial, may be consolidated, and should prove of material use to the republic in the near future when China is permitted to relax from the ever important task of self-defence and may direct her energies once again to economic reconstruction.

AIR SUPREMACY.

It will be recalled that but for the generosity of Lady Houston, there would have been no Schneider Trophy for Britain. The race resulted in a walkover for Britain, but even so the machines engaged had to conform to certain standards of behaviour and speed.

In the construction of these machines, experience of real value had been gained which was of material use to the Air Force, stated Sir Philip Sassoon introducing the Air Estimates, in the House of Commons. Though Britain was fifth in the world as far as numerical air strength went, she was first in construction and design and in training and efficiency of pilots.

Thus is the value of the competitive element illustrated, and thus is the depressing attitude of the late Socialist Government towards the "white business" exposed. It is believed that the "races" will be allowed to lapse, and while this would doubtless be the wisest course for

BISHOP OF VICTORIA

Farewell Sermon Next
Sunday.

TO BE BROADCAST.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. C. R. Duppy, Bishop of Victoria, who is at present down with a touch of fever, will leave the Colony early next month for Home, upon resigning his Bishopric here.

His Lordship will preach his farewell sermon at St. John's Cathedral on Sunday, and special arrangements are being made by other Churches for their congregations to listen to the Bishop's sermon, which will also be broadcast. In order to allow worshippers to attend at the Cathedral, the usual service at St. Peter's Church, West Point, has been cancelled. St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, hopes to receive the sermon by radio.

OBITUARY.

Death of Mr. Omar
Kitchell.

LOCAL BROKER.

The death of Mr. Omar Kitchell, well-known local share broker, occurred at his residence in Leighton Hill Road, Happy Valley, yesterday morning.

He had not been well for some time, suffering from acute heart trouble, but recently he showed such improvement that there was hope of his making a recovery. Death intervened rather unexpectedly yesterday.

Mr. Kitchell was one of the original members of the Hong Kong Share Brokers' Association and was at one time a partner in Messrs. Razack and Kitchell. On several occasions he served on the committee of the Association and was very popular in Ice House Street, where he had a large clientele among both foreigners and Chinese.

The sympathy of many friends and acquaintances is extended to his widow and several children in their bereavement.

The funeral, which took place at the Muslim Cemetery, Happy Valley, last evening, was largely attended, the gathering including representatives of the Share Brokers' Association. There was a large number of floral tributes.

News in Brief.

In St. Andrew's Church Hall (kindly loaned for the occasion) at noon yesterday, an Easter service, conducted by Dr. Reichel, was held for the Norwegian community, and was largely attended.

Whilst engaged in working on a brick machine, at the Wing Ching Building Contractors' premises, Fa Yuen Street, a labourer named Wong Wai (26) was slightly injured, and had to be taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital for treatment.

Whilst walking in Great George Street yesterday, an elderly woman, named Chau Si (62) of 18 Russell Street, was struck on the head by a piece of wood which fell from the first floor level of a house under construction. She was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

Whilst playing football at Happy Valley yesterday, a violent quarrel rose between two youths, Leung Sau (18), and Hung Siu (15). The latter is alleged to have struck the former with a knife causing an incised wound on the left side of the face. Leung was removed to hospital for treatment.

The luxurious Matsun world-cruise liner Mariposa left for the North at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. As she steamed out of the wharf, lusty cheering and shouts of "Good-bye Hong Kong" could be heard from the tourist crowded decks. The next place of call will be Chinwangtao, after which the Mariposa will call at Shanghai, Yokohama and Kobe, and then return to America via Honolulu and the Panama Canal.

the present it must be remembered that advancement does not come to those who allow things to lapse too long.

In view of the reduced strength of the army and navy, Britain cannot afford to allow her new fighting arm to take a back place also.

MAGIC HANDS FIGHT FOR LIFE

MIRACLE OF SURGERY.

I AM going to describe a scene that I have shirked for ten years: a life or death operation in a great London hospital

It is 2 p.m.
The scene is one of the magnificent operating theatres in the Charing Cross Hospital. It is a room of grey marble and white tiles. It smells of disinfectant. It contains as many queer and complicated instruments as the engine-room of a battleship. Everything in this room—each glass-topped table, each wheeled trolley, each electric switch—occupies a position decreed by experience.

I feel nervous and apprehensive. I put on a white sterilised gown that ties at the nape of the neck. I put on a close-fitting white cap. I look through the window and see—for I am on the top floor of the hospital—the clustered roofs of Charing Cross and the Strand.

And into this white room where we are about to fight with Death comes a muffled, uniform roar—the sound of London far below rushing about the business of Life. Odd sounds penetrate now and then; the shriek of an engine in Charing Cross Station and the wail of some beggar in the streets below playing a bagpipe.

I long with a coward's longing, to be down among this healthy, hearty chaos of Life; but I turn my back to the window and watch the white room.

Five nurses take up their positions with the precision of Guardsmen. Three doctors whisper together. An anaesthetist examines one of the queer machines.

Everyone wears a white gown, a white cap and a strip of white gauze tied over the mouth. This makes the men look rather sinister, but enhances the brilliance of the women's eyes.

Suddenly the door opens and something like a Summer breeze comes in. He is a man with greying hair, a young face and a manner that radiates confidence. He wears an open-necked cricket shirt and a pair of white flannels.

"Good afternoon, sir," they say to him with great deference.

This is a famous surgeon. His striped trousers and black coat hang in his dressing-room. He comes in as if clothed for a game—Science his racquet and Death his tennis ball.

"X-rays, please!"
A doctor hands films to him. He looks at them closely, and then, without a word, moves over to a place where a nurse holds a white overall, a cap, a gauze mouthpiece, and a pair of rubber gloves.

I now forget the sound of London and the life below us in the streets. All the drama of the world seems concentrated within these white walls. Men are being killed in China, people are suffering and dying all over the earth; but nothing seems as important as this struggle for one life above the roofs of Charing Cross.

The door opens. A noiseless stretcher glides swiftly into the room; and I see him for the first time, writes a correspondent to the Singapore Free Press.

He is a poor little elderly man that Fate has kicked to the earth. His shrunken body has suffered. His eyes remind me of a dog that died of distemper in my arms.

It seems impossible that he was ever well and healthy, that he ever sat at a table in some suburb and carved a Sunday joint, that he ever loved a woman or kissed a child. He looks like some thin, alabaster Christ taken from a cross.

The anaesthetist goes to him He lies now unconscious, a bright

Yester-day being Easter Day, St. Andrew's Church was, as usual, prettily decorated with flowers.

Holy Communion was administered at 7.15, 8.15 a.m. and at noon. The preacher at the morning service was the Vicar (Rev. W. Walton Rogers). At 3 p.m. a service for children and young people, conducted by the Vicar, was held. At the evening service the preacher was the Rev. E. W. L. Martin, M.A., Warden of St. Stephen's College, Stanley.

overhead light pouring on his pitiful chest. The white figures surround him. I look at the man in the white mask whose skill may save this life.

His eyes above the gauze are confident, cold, intent; his hands, reddish brown in thin rubber, seemed filled with an uncanny vitality. A woman's hand in rubber gives him a little, shining knife

My desire to look away is so great that I will not allow myself to do so. He takes the knife, and with a gesture as strong, as sure, and as beautiful as that of a great violinist moving his bow, begins the operation.

Of all the things that happen in London every day, this is surely the most fearful and the most wonderful; a life poised on the point of a knife; a few moments in which everything is reduced to yea or nay; a white room with the wings of Death beating at the windows.

And I look at it, surprised that it is not horrible as Rembrandt's "Anatomist" is horrible. It is a magnificent sight. Ten people working together with the skill of long training to save a life.

There is no sound but the tinkle of metal against glass and a hiss of steam from another room. Yes, there is another sound! The surgeon talks to himself as his sure hands move above the wound. I know instinctively from the atmosphere created, by the tenseness of his assistants, by the gravity of the eyes above the white gauze, that this muttering is a sign that he is dealing with Life and Death. And it is a tremendously encouraging sound, because it is so full of affirmatives:

"Yes," I hear him mutter, "that's all right yes; now here we are; yes; yes good, yes"

Nothing has surprised him. The poor little body has not puzzled him. He is like a man who has opened a deed box and found everything as it should be. His hands are incredible. They have altered!

No longer "are they the hands which held X-ray films and put on a white cap. All the strength and power of his personality now seem concentrated in those hands. They have a life of their own. They are not ordinary hands. Though they do so much, their movements are economical. They never move an unnecessary inch. If they want something they just open for a second and a woman's hand offers a little shining thing.

The hands grasp it and continue. The women are amazing. An admiration I have always felt for nurses—the worst paid and most self-sacrificing women on earth—increases as I watch them bent above the body.

The cheerfulness of nurses, the bravery, the willing capacity for service—how can you explain it? I wonder if some part of this is due to the fact that they work under the autocratic direction of men whom they mostly admire and in an atmosphere of stern discipline

"Are you interested in anatomy?" says the surgeon's voice.

"No!" I reply in horror.

"You can come near," he says, working all the time.

I summon up courage and approach:

"That was killing this man!" he says, and I look at the little breathing body and see inside it a thing no larger than a few hay seeds.

The surgeon stands back. A nurse takes glass tubes, wraps them in linen, cracks them, dips sterilised cat-gut in disinfectant and gives length after length to the eager hands.

It is over.

The surgeon goes to the ante-room. He removes his veil, his gloves and his cap.

"Have you saved his life?"

"Yes; I think so."

And the hands that played with Life and Death take a cigarette and light it. They have altered. They are now ordinary hands. We look down on Charing Cross, where the life of London thunders restlessly. A young doctor comes in with a sheet of blue paper. It is the next fight.

"I must go and clean up," says the surgeon.

And in the white room the masked men and women stand silently at their posts.

SIDE-SHOW OF THE WAR RECALLED

ADMIRALTY'S FAMOUS ROOM 40.

Where No Puzzle Was Too Difficult,
No Cypher Too Cryptic.

The post-card from Turkey was blank—save for the postmark, Yozgad, and the address: "Sir Henry Jones, 184 King's Road, Tighnabruich, Scotland."

Tighnabruich, as Hayden Church tells us in the New York Times Magazine, "is a small village with no King's Road, and only a handful of houses."

No such explicit address was needed, and Sir Henry, who was professor of moral philosophy in Glasgow, became suspicious.

The card was from his son, Lieut. Harry Jones, who, with the fall of Kut during the World War, had been interned in a Turkish prison camp.

The young man was trying to get a message across, his father was sure. So he sent the card to "Room 40," that suite in Whitehall where Sir Alfred Ewing and his staff of cryptographers decoded ciphers so expertly and expeditiously that they were always right up with the Germans.

It is of Sir Alfred and his exploits that Mr. Church writes.

Nothing Too Much.

The post-card from Yozgad was almost too much for Room 40, but not quite.

Finally we read, "An old Scottish Presbyterian minister suggested a Biblical solution. A reference to verse iv, chapter 18 of the Book of Kings revealed the following:

"Obadiah took an hundred prophets and hid them by fifty in a cave and fed them on bread and water."

"This was interpreted as meaning to convey that the Hut officers were safe in Yozgad, but in need of food. And this proved to be the case."

Mr. Church's story of Sir Alfred—that "little, gray-haired, seventy-year-old Scot, with bushy eyebrows and shrewd penetrating eyes"—reports his election to the presidency of "that eminent scientific confraternity, the British Association."

We read: "To the British Association he is perhaps the greatest living expert on mechanical science."

But to the man in the street the new president is considerably more thrilling as the genius who, during the war, brought Von Tirpitz and the German Admiralty to the verge of frenzy by peeping through their key-holes and reading their minds almost as soon as they knew them themselves.

Sir Alfred until May, 1917, was director of the famous Room 40, the department of the British Admiralty where the confidential orders, dispatches, and political ciphers of the enemy were collected and decoded with unerring precision, and whose existence remained a secret to the end.

To-day, in the academic calm of Cambridge, in a laboratory equipped with the apparatus of a superphysicist, and a study which boasts not a single souvenir of Room 40, he laughs at the suggestion that there was anything uncanny in the results achieved in Whitehall.

"I was nothing more than an official eavesdropper," he says; adding, with a deprecatory smile, "Not a very noble calling, was it?"

Room 40. Perhaps not, but as late Lord Balfour, who was First Lord of the Admiralty during the most critical period of the war, declared: "To Room 40, where Sir Alfred Ewing was the leading spirit, the country owes an immense debt of gratitude—a debt which, at the time at least, could never be paid. Secrecy was the very essence of the work, and never was secrecy more successfully observed."

Behind the closed doors of the suite in Whitehall it was officially designated Room 40, and that the Admiralty messengers nicknamed "the blinkin'lugout." Sir Alfred took up his counter-espionage duties as an Admiralty man. Of his activities we are told:

He was, at that time director of naval education and incidentally, a member of the explosives committee, having been transferred to that post from Cambridge University, where he had been professor of mechanics and applied mechanics.

"On the day the war began," he said, "I was asked to undertake the task of dealing with enemy ciphers."

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.
To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong, and Peninsula Hotels and King's Restaurant.

Entertainments.
To-day—King's Theatre; "The Spider." Theatre; To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Hook, Line and Sinker." Theatre; To-day—Central Theatre; "Around the World in 80 Minutes." Theatre; To-day—Majestic Theatre; "Charley's Aunt." Theatre; To-day—Star Theatre; "Whoopie."

Land Sale.
To-morrow—At P.W.D. Offices, one lot of Corn land, at Mount Cameron, 3 p.m.

Meetings.
To-morrow—Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, Chartered Bank Bldg., 5 p.m.

To-morrow—Hong Kong Automobile Association, Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Board Room, 5.30 p.m.

March 30—Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine's offices, noon.

March 30—Society of St. George, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's Board Room, 5.30 p.m.

March 30—Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 3 p.m.

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The number vaccinated, free of charge, by members of the Brigade, up to and including Thursday, March 24, was as under:—

Chinese Y.M.C.A. (H.K.) Division 6,354
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Kowloon Division 8,945

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RICH FATHER'S DILEMMA

DAUGHTER'S HONOUR OR SON'S LIFE?

SHOT LOVER.

Should a father attack the reputation of his own daughter to save his son the risk of being condemned to the electric chair?

That was the question which the heart-broken father of a tragically divided family had to decide at a sensational murder trial at Philadelphia.

The man who faced this dilemma was Mr. Robert Allen, the wealthy father of Edward Allen, who is on trial on a charge of murdering his sister's sweetheart, Francis Donaldson.

Donaldson was shot dead at Mr. Allen's home, and when his son was arrested, Mr. Allen publicly declared that the shots were fired in revenge for his daughter's dishonour.

Rose Allen, the pretty, eighteen-year-old sister of the young man whose fate is hanging in the balance, went into the witness-box and gave evidence for the prosecution.

The girl told the court the story of Donaldson's courtship and their intended engagement.

Counsel for the defence held a consultation with Rose's father before the cross-examination. When the questioning began every eye in the crowded court listened with intense interest, but the expected line of cross-examination was not pursued.

THE LIVES OF THE GANGSTERS

AMAZING REVELATIONS OF RACKETEERING METHOD OF AMERICA.

Death for the Word Coward.

Ali Baba and his Forty Thieves were churchwardens compared with the modern American gangsters, if these figures, estimated by Crime Commissions, are to be believed:—

The annual racketeering toll in Chicago amounts to \$40,000,000, or \$12 per head of the population; in New York City, to between \$40,000,000 and \$120,000,000; in Philadelphia, to \$20,000,000; in Detroit, to \$15,000,000; in Los Angeles, to \$10,000,000; in Cleveland and Pittsburgh, to \$5,000,000. Altogether, the invisible tax paid by citizens of the United States for the racketeers is approximately equal to the amount paid in taxes to the Federal Government!

After that, nothing that Mr. F. D. Pasley has to say about the ramifications of the racket syndicates in "Muscling In" (Faber and Faber, 7s. 6d.) should surprise us. They extend to practically every commodity from liquor to milk and ginger ale, from artichokes and spinach to millinery, laundries, and neckwear, and include the building industry, the handling of freight and express at the railroad and steamship piers; and more than 250,000 workers in shops and factories, besides the window-washers, night patrols, painters and paperhangers, stationary engineers, hod-carriers and drivers and chauffeurs of trucks and wagons used in conveying merchandise.

How They Do It. The racket, in fact, operates in bucketshops, in Wall Street, among the corporations which sell talking machines, jewellery, asbestos, textiles, soap, and glue; it collects insurance by fake burglaries; it breaks strikes. Periodically, one racketeer will "muscle in" on another, exclaim, "You're out, we're in," and bump him off. His friends will say of the survivor: "Look, he's a big shot; he got his name and picture in the paper." Then business goes on as usual.

How do they do it? Take the Chicago milk trade. The bulk of the milk was conveyed to the wholesalers' creameries by trucks. The gangsters launched a systematic campaign of terrorization against the drivers, applying the technique developed in rum-running. They hijacked the trucks and emptied the contents of the cans in ditches by the roadside. With the campaign at its height a gangster emissary notified the wholesalers he was prepared to "sell them protection" for a cut of 2 cents a quart. After much protecting the wholesalers agreed and thereafter paid 4 cents a quart. The farmer, however, continued to receive but 2 cents.

Take the Labour Union business. The gangsters will shoot the secretary, then march into his meeting with their guns and formally take the chair; or, at an election of officers, they will admit only those with votes for themselves; or they will ask the agent to pay for "protection" and if he refuses take him

for "a ride." The "muscle in" somehow.

No Witnesses. Al Capone is King of the Racketeers. He prospers. He pays \$6 for his silk shirts, \$1 for his ties, \$2,400 for each of his cars, from \$240 to \$400 a week for hotel, \$16,000 for two winter holidays in Florida. Judge Lyle says Capone has an alderman in the City Council completely under his dictation, and has elected a congressman. On the rare occasions when he can be coaxed into court some attorney says: "I move the case against Capone be dismissed. We have no witnesses against him." Naturally; they are afraid to speak.

The racket receive you at the cradle and follows you to the grave—and the laugh is sometimes against the racketeer. Here is a Press item—

Gangster Goes To Grave in \$10,000 Casket.

But did he?—Undertakers rented metal cases which slipped over cheap cast-iron coffins. When polished the cases took on a lustrous sheen, reflecting the funeral tapers and the incandescents with dazzling transparency. The cast-iron affair, of which the family, of course, was unsuspecting, represented a wholesale cost of between \$25 and \$50. After the services at the cemetery and the departure of the mourners, the undertaker's assistants would drop four hooks in the grave, recover the shiny metal case and return it to the owner with a cheque for \$10 rent.

Their loves?—"It's Owney Madden," a girl whispered to her partner, a slender lad of cat-like movements.

"Yeh," out of the corner of his mouth, "he just got back from seel!" Bill Hanshaw. Bill took Owney's girl to the Amsterdam Opera House last night.

"What happened?" breathed the girl.

"Bill's in the morgue."

Terse!

Their pleasure? Well, take Cooney's gangster haunt in Chicago, where it is an unwritten law that patrons leave their revolvers in the cloakroom on entering tries Trevor Allen in John O'London's Weekly. Policemen, detectives, aldermen, city officials make whoopee at tables adjoining those of safe-blowers, stick-up men, pickpockets, shoplifters, demi-mondaines and their panders, paroled ex-convicts. The waiters are toughs who can sail into any scrum with the precision of a first-class Rugby team.

Their tempers? There was a romantic sort of fellow in a speakeasy who recited one of Robert Service's "Rhymes of a Red Cross Man," the one ending:—

And I sez, "You coward! you 'ad no right

To take on the job of a man this night!"

Reilly, a gangster standing by, did not like the expression he put those last two lines. Reilly leaned over to Vercoe and put his left arm around his neck. As Vercoe uttered "You coward," Reilly's gun spoke. Vercoe slumped to the floor with a bullet in his brain. Death was instantaneous.

"Nobody can call me a coward," said Reilly, pocketing his gun.

The Three Willies. Some of them come to violent ends. Like the Three Willies in a shoot-up with Sergeant O'Connell and his men. Only one was left alive. His gun was empty, so were the guns of the police officers. Said the gangster:—

"Give us a break. My gat is empty."

"Give you hell," O'Connell shouted back. "I'm reloading."

And O'Connell reloaded first. Wilson was just levelling his weapon when O'Connell let him have the full clip and Wilson fell on Quen's body, which was the end of The Three Willies.

What a pity those Three Willies were not the last of the gangsters! But the United States is the United States, and the racketeers wax fat and multiply. It is a tribute to Mr. Pasley's snappy, factual style that he succeeds in making them just credible. His matter-of-fact gangster stories are wilder than the wildest fiction. He can write a thriller only Press-cuttings, a melodrama on a Crime Commission report.

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LAMMERT BROS.
AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS AND SURVEYORS.

Public Auctions

The undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON
THURSDAY, March 31, 1932,
commencing at 10.30 a.m.,
at No. 1, Torres Buildings,
Kowloon.

A Quantity of
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE
On View from Wednesday, March 30, 1932.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, March 28, 1932.

The undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON
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at their Sales Room,
4, Duddell Street,
A Fine Collection of Valuable
POSTAGE STAMPS.

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On View from Wednesday, March 30, 1932.

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Hong Kong, March 28, 1932.

COMPANY MEETINGS

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on **WEDNESDAY, the 30th March, 1932, at Noon**, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1931.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 30th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hong Kong, 9th March, 1932.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Company, Limited, on **WEDNESDAY, the 30th March, 1932, at 3 p.m.** for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1931.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd March to 30th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 21st March, 1932.

THE HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on **THURSDAY, 31st MARCH, 1932, at 11 a.m.** for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1931.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 24th to the 31st March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1932.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that 43rd ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on **THURSDAY, the 31st day of March, 1932, at Noon**, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1931.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from **SATURDAY, 12th March, 1932, to THURSDAY, 31st March, 1932, both days inclusive.**

By Order of the Board of Directors,
ALLAN KEITH,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 1st March, 1932.

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GENERAL NOTICES.

THE HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL NURSING HOME.

THE PUBLIC is advised that the NURSING HOME is now OPEN for the admission of patients.

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The Nursing Home is furnished and equipped throughout on the most modern lines.

Private bathrooms are attached to each first-class ward.

Rates:—1st Class \$11 per day; 2nd Class \$6 per day; ordinary medicines and small dressings included.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
Secretaries & Treasurers.
Hong Kong, 21st March, 1932.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the General Managers have (with the sanction of the Consulting Committee of this Company) obtained at a Meeting of such Committee held here on the 14th day of March, 1932, made a Call of \$50 per share in respect of the monies unpaid on the shares held by the Shareholders and that such Call should be paid on **WEDNESDAY, the 30th day of March, 1932, to the General Managers** at the Offices of the Company.

That the General Managers have (with the like sanction of the Consulting Committee) determined to employ the sum of \$400,000 part of the Reserve Fund of the Company in paying a Special Dividend of \$50 per share on the shares of the Company held by the Shareholders and that such Special Dividend shall be payable on the 30th day of March, 1932.

Warrants for the Special Dividend can be obtained on application to the General Managers at the Offices of the Company.

Should any Shareholder fail to pay the amount of the said Call on the 30th day of March, 1932, the General Managers will on the 31st day of March, 1932, apply the amount of the above mentioned Special Dividend due to him in payment and satisfaction of the said Call.

After payment or satisfaction of the said Call in the manner above indicated a Memorandum showing the extent to which the shares are then paid up will be endorsed on all Certificates of Shares presented to the General Managers at the Offices of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS and REGISTER of MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th day of March, 1932, to the 30th day of March, 1932, both days inclusive.

Dated this 15th day of March, 1932.

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General Managers,
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EXCHANGES.

THURSDAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—

Bank, wire 1/3 3/4
Bank, on demand 1/3 3/4
Bank, 4 months' sight 1/3 3/4
Credits, 4 months' sight 1/5

On Paris—

On demand 605
Credits, 4 months' sight 660

On Berlin—

On demand Nom.

On New York—

On demand 23 3/4

Credits, 60 days' sight 25 3/4

On Bombay—

Wire 87

On demand 87

On Calcutta—

Wire 87

On demand 87

On Singapore—

On demand 56 3/4

On Manila—

On demand 47 3/4

On Shanghai—

On demand 77 1/4

Dollar 2 3/4 % Dis.

On Yokohama—

On demand 73 3/4

Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) 1/4 3/4

Silver Spot (oz.) 18 3/16

Bar Silver in Hong Kong Nom.

Copper Cash Nom.

Copper Cents 1 % prem.

Rate of Native Interest 3 1/2 % p.a.

Chinese Sub. Coin 30 % dis.

Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Thursday.

Paris 94 1/16

New York 3.64 3/4 (7)

Montreal 4.11

Brussels 26 15/16

Geneva 19 5/32

Amsterdam 9 16 1/2

Milan 7 1/2

Berlin 15 3/4

Stockholm 13 9/16

Copenhagen 13 3/16

Oslo 18 3/4

Vienna 32 nom.

Prague 124

Helsingfors 215

Madrid 48 3/4

Lisbon 109 3/4

Athens 287 1/2

Bucharest 607 1/2

Rio 4 1/16

Buenos Aires 38 3/4

Montevideo 30 3/4 nom.

Bombay 1/8 5/32

Shanghai 1/9 3/4

Hong Kong 1/9 3/4

Yokohama 1/9 3/4

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BOOK EARLY.

THE WORST SIGNAL IN THE WORLD.

The Thrill of Hearing the S.O.S.

CALL OF TERROR.

[By J. D. G.]

Would you recognise the ship's S.O.S. if you heard it one night when listening in? Three dots, three dashes and three dots, repeated, and repeated again, before the sender runs off further Morse signals to tell those who can read why he is transmitting the worst signal in the world.

Clear, precise, clean-cut code, the S.O.S. can never be mistaken for anything else. It is too emphatic and select ever to be read as anything but the most urgent cry, for help—"S.O.S."

Coming up Channel from the Bay of Biscay, the crash of signals in your phones on early morning watch will tell you that home waters have been reached. The crashing tattoo of signals from Land's End radio, the wail of the French stations, the seemingly far-away jabber of Niton (Isle of Wight) all prove that at last you are homeward bound.

You may be listening to Land's End clearing half-a-dozen radios to a small ship, you might automatically read that one ship has just left Falmouth, that another is running off one or two private messages to Niton, and then through the unimaginable din of dots and dashes you hear one faint whisper of another sort. The peril signal has started.

Pencil crawls over pad, and from the never-ceasing melody the message is picked out. There are many others who have read it too, possibly the operator at Land's End, who busy in the middle of writing a message, stops and switches his pencil to another line or sheet and scribbles the particulars following the "S.O.S."

On dozens of ships there are bells and phones ringing for messengers to hurry to the radio cabins to collect the particulars of the S.O.S.

Control of the Ether.

But in the ether things are changing. As soon as the Land's End operator has obtained the message he takes control of the whole region, and those men who were transmitting during the S.O.S. and failed to hear of it are soon told by a Q.R.T. S.O.S. being snapped out. Then the miracle happens. First one drops out, then another, then another, until within a matter of seconds there is a weird silence.

Eventually the ship in distress sends out its repeat S.O.S. Then Land's End bursting out in full power, crashes out the S.O.S. for all to read, tells the operator who sent it that he has been received, and starts business.

Ships within a few miles of the distressed one get into communication, tell him that they will arrive at his position within a matter of hours, send messages of cheer and quick expectations of reaching him—but all the time the ether is under the control of the senior station. Nobody is allowed to transmit who is not communicating with the ship in danger.

Not until arrangements have been made to pick up the ship in trouble, not until the rescuing ships' operators are able to work him without any interference, does Land's End give the all clear and permit commercial working to resume. It is thrilling to hear your first S.O.S.; it is thrilling to hear a hundred of them, for the call never loses its terror. It demands attention from men of every nationality, whether sent at terrific speed by a man on a ship where every second counts; whether stumbled out by the nervous fingers of an excitable man or crashed out slowly and carefully by an iron-willed operator.

PEOPLE WITH TAILS.

Paris Surgeon Throws Light On Mystery.

Do some people have tails?

A current belief is that some primitive tribes have that unpleasant remnant of man's kinship with the ape. At least, that was the belief even by some scientists, a few explorers, and lovers of the weird and the unusual.

Some light has been thrown on the mystery by a report of Dr. Vignard, honorary surgeon of hospitals in Paris, who states in the L'Avenir Medical that he had handled four cases of a sort of outgrowth in the axis, resembling a tail. The patients were not aborigines of any remote island, but white people.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations, 24 March, 1932.

NEXT SETTLEMENT DAY, TUESDAY, 26 APRIL, 1932.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Size	Nom.	Fin. Yr.	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	1480	104	Dec.	1931	Final 24th 1931 (1931-32) making 40 for 1931	Feb. 29, 32
(Lon. Reg.)	104	104	Dec.	1931	Int. 7th 1931 to 17th 1931	Sep. 31, 31
Chartered Bank	12	12	Dec.	1931	Int. 7th 1931 to 17th 1931	Sep. 31, 31
Mercantile Bk., A.B.	30	30	Dec.	1931	Int. 7th 1931 to 17th 1931	Sep. 31, 31
" C. L.	30	30	Dec.	1931	Int. 7th 1931 to 17th 1931	Sep. 31, 31
Bank of Asia	115	115	Dec.	1931	88 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	1250	1250	Dec.	1931	Final 30th 1931 (1931-32) making 10 for 1931	May 10, 32
Union Ins.	145	145	Dec.	1931	Final 30th 1931 (1931-32) making 10 for 1931	May 10, 32
China Underwriters	145	145	Dec.	1931	Final 30th 1931 (1931-32) making 10 for 1931	May 10, 32
China Fire Ins.	190	190	Dec.	1931	Final 30th 1931 (1931-32) making 10 for 1931	May 10, 32
H. K. Fire Ins.	1250	1250	Dec.	1931	Final 30th 1931 (1931-32) making 10 for 1931	May 10, 32
Shipping.						
Douglas	26 1/2	26 1/2	Dec.	1931	Last dividend for 1931	Pending
H. K. Steamboats	33	33	Dec.	1931	Last dividend for 1931	Pending
Indo-China (Pref.)	15	15	Dec.	1931	Last dividend for 1931	Pending
(Def.)	15	15	Dec.	1931	Last dividend for 1931	Pending
Shells Bearer	32 1/4	32 1/4	Dec.	1931	Last dividend for 1931	Pending
Union Waterboats	10	10	Dec.	1931	Last dividend for 1931	Pending
Mining.						
Benguet	11 1/2	11 1/2	Dec.	1931	Fourth Int. Waterboats (1931-32) for year 1931-32	Dec. 19, 31
Kailan Mining Ad. 4/1	24 3/4	24 3/4	Dec.	1931	Int. 1st 1931 to 31st 1931	Dec. 31, 31
Langkat (Single) Ltd.	1	1	Dec.	1931	Int. 1st 1931 to 31st 1931	Dec. 31, 31
S'hai Exploration Ltd.	2 1/2	2 1/2	Dec.	1931	Int. 1st 1931 to 31st 1931	Dec. 31, 31
Loans	1	1	Dec.	1931	Int. 1st 1931 to 31st 1931	Dec. 31, 31
Rauha	1 1/2	1 1/2	Dec.	1931	Int. 1st 1931 to 31st 1931	Dec. 31, 31
Venezuela Gold Fields	1	1	Dec.	1931	Int. 1st 1931 to 31st 1931	Dec. 31, 31
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & F. Wharves	14 1/2	14 1/2	Dec.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
H. K. & W. Docks	17	17	Dec.	1931	Last dividend for 1931	Pending
South Ch. Motors (A.)	10	10	Dec.	1931	Last dividend for 1931	Pending
" (B.)	12	12	Dec.	1931	Last dividend for 1931	Pending
China Provident (new)	1.80	1.80	Dec.	1931	10 cents on old 10 cents on new for 1931	Dec. 31, 31
Hongkew	320	320	Dec.	1931	Interim T. 1st 1931	Dec. 31, 31
N. Engineering	10	10	Dec.	1931	T. 1st 1931	Dec. 31, 31
Shanghai Docks	10 1/2	10 1/2	Apr.	1931	T. 6th for year 1931-32	Apr. 30, 31
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.						
H. & S. Hotels (C.R.)	18 1/2	18 1/2	Dec.	1931	8 cents (old) 5 cents (new) for 1931	Dec. 31, 31
" (Rights)	21	21	Dec.	1931	Final 30th 1931 (1931-32) making 10 for 1931	May 10, 32
H.K. Lands	75	75	Dec.	1931	Final 30th 1931 (1931-32) making 10 for 1931	May 10, 32
Shanghai Lands	47	47	Dec.	1931	Final 30th 1931 (1931-32) making 10 for 1931	May 10, 32
Humphreys	18	18	Dec.	1931	Final 30th 1931 (1931-32) making 10 for 1931	May 10, 32
H. K. Realities	10 1/2	10 1/2	Dec.	1931	Final 30th 1931 (1931-32) making 10 for 1931	May 10, 32
Chinese Estates	95	95	Feb.	1931	Interim 30th 1931 (1931-32) making 10 for 1931	May 10, 32
Cotton Mills.						
Ewo Cottons	15.15	15.15	Dec.	1931	T. 1st for 1931	Dec. 31, 31
Shanghai Cotton	90 1/2	90 1/2	Apr. and Oct.	1931	T. 1st for half year 1931-32	Apr. 30, 31
Zoong Sings	11 1/2	11 1/2	June	1931	T. 1st for year 1931-32	June 30, 31
Public Utilities.						
H. K. Tramways	21.35	21.35	Dec.	1931	Final 30th 1931 (1931-32) making 10 for 1931	May 10, 32
Peak Tram (old)	15.60	15.60	Apr.	1931	10 cents on old 10 cents on new for 1931	Apr. 30, 31
" (new)	8	8	Apr.	1931	10 cents on old 10 cents on new for 1931	Apr. 30, 31
Star Ferry	92	92	Dec.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
Yamutai Perries	89	89	Dec.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
China Light (old)	21 1/2	21 1/2	Sept.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
" (new)	20 1/2	20 1/2	Sept.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
H. K. Electric	74 1/2	74 1/2	Dec.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
Macao	33	33	Dec.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
Sandakan Lights	12	12	June	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
H.K. Tels. fully paid	41	41	Dec.	1931	Final 30th 1931 (1931-32) making 10% for 1931	May 10, 32
H.K. Tels. part paid	24	24	Dec.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
China Buses	10 1/2	10 1/2	Dec.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
S'pore Tractors (Ord.)	8 1/2	8 1/2	Sept.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
" (Pref.)	14 1/2	14 1/2	Sept.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
Industrial.						
Malayan Sugars	33	33	Dec.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
Gald. Macg. Ord.	14	14	Dec.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
" Pref.	10 1/2	10 1/2	Dec.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
Canton Ice	5 1/2	5 1/2	July	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
Cements (com.)	19 1/2	19 1/2	Dec.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
" (old)	18	18	Dec.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
" (new)	9 1/2	9 1/2	Dec.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
H. K. Ropes	10 1/2	10 1/2	Dec.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
China Agriculture	10 1/2	10 1/2	Dec.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farm	28 1/2	28 1/2	Dec.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
Wauons	15 1/2	15 1/2	Oct.	1931	70 cents for year 1931-32	Oct. 31, 31
Der A Wings	1	1	Feb.	1931	Last dividend for year 1931-32	Feb. 29, 31
Lane Raffles (old)	5.50	5.50	Feb.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
" (new)	5 1/2	5 1/2	Feb.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
Mackintosh	19	19	Feb.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
Sincere	14.70	14.70	Feb.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
Wm. Powells	8.50	8.50	Feb.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
Miscellaneous.						
H.K. Amusement	30 1/2	30 1/2	Mar.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
Ch. Entertainment	x-div.	x-div.	Mar.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
S. C. Enterprises	10	10	Mar.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
Macao "Greybonds"	15	15	Mar.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
Constructions (Old)	1.90	1.90	Dec.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
" (New)	1.50	1.50	Dec.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
B. Ind. C. Bonds	58 1/2	58 1/2	Dec.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
H.K. Govt. Loans	6 1/2	6 1/2	Dec.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
Asia Realities "A"	150	150	Dec.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
" "B"	47	47	Dec.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
Am. Finance Corp.	39	39	Dec.	1931	83 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32



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TAIYO MARU	Tuesday, 19th April.
SEATTLE, VANCOUVER via Shanghai & Japan Ports.	
HIYAMA MARU	Tuesday, 29th March.
HEIAN MARU	Tuesday, 28th April.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Suez.	
KASHIMA MARU	Saturday, 2nd April.
YASUKUNI MARU	Saturday, 16th April.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	
KAMO MARU	Saturday, 23rd April.
KITANO MARU	Saturday, 28th May.
MANILA.	
TATSUTA MARU	Thursday, 31st March.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	
TANGO MARU	Monday, 28th March.
TOKIWA MARU	Tuesday, 12th April.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.	
GINYO MARU	Tuesday, 19th April.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	
TOBA MARU	Monday, 11th April.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Beyrouth, Istanbul, Peraeus, Genoa, & Valencia.	
LIMA MARU	Saturday, 10th April.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
PENANG MARU	Tuesday, 29th March.
HAKODATE MARU	Thursday, 7th April.
SHANGHAI, KORE & YOKOHAMA.	
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SUWA MARU	Saturday, 2nd April.
AKITA MARU (Mojito direct)	Tuesday, 5th April.

For further information apply to: NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA. Telephone 30291. (Private exchange to all departments.)

O. S. K.

SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.	Rio de Janeiro Maru	Sat.	23rd Apr.
OMBA SA, ZANZIBAR, DAR-ES-SALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, PORT ELIZABETH & CAPE TOWN TRENTON TO RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Singapore & Colombo.	Arabia Maru	Tues.	5th Apr.
MELBOURNE via Brisbane & Sydney.	Brisbane Maru	Tues.	5th Apr.
JAPAN PORTS (Frequent Services).	Manila Maru	Tues.	29th Mar.
LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	Alaska Maru	Sat.	9th Apr.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Havre Maru	Sun.	3rd Apr.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Colombo.	Burina Maru	Fri.	1st Apr.
CALCUTTA via Belawan Deli, Singapore & Rangoon.	Panama Maru	Fri.	8th Apr.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (8 p.m. every Sunday).	Deli Maru	Thurs.	7th Apr.
JAPAN PORTS via Takao & Keelung.			
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).			

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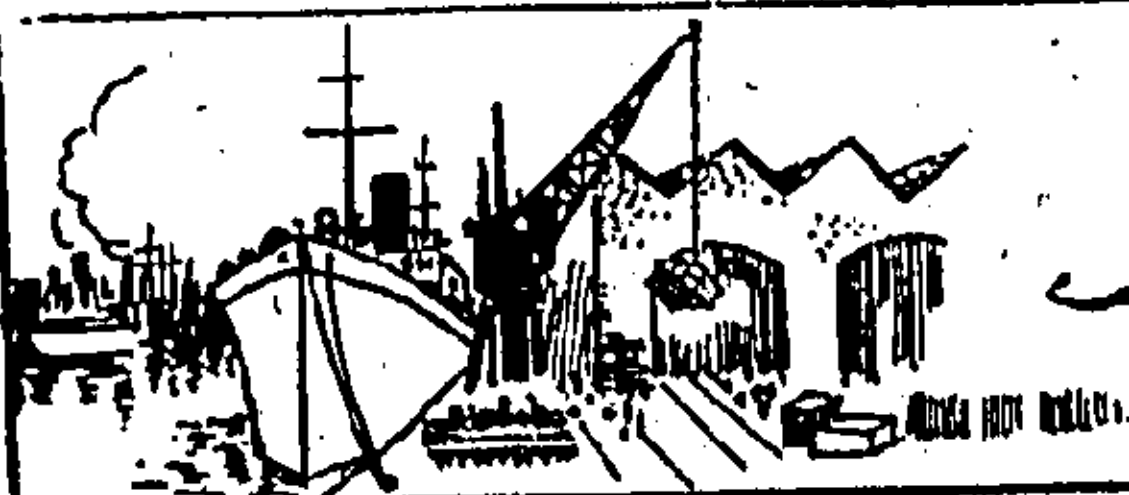
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Historic Stratospheric Flight.

Berlin. Dr. Kipfer, who accompanied

Professor Piccard on his historic stratospheric flight, in which his balloon went more than 10 miles above the earth, announces that the second flight which the professor is considering will be carried out by the Belgian physicist, M. Cosyns.—Exchange.



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ARRIVALS.

Per the Dollar s.s. President Wilson from Manila yesterday:—
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DEPARTURES.

Per P. & O. s.s. Rajputana for London via ports yesterday:—
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STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The E. & A. s.s. Nankin left Shimoneki for this port on March 25, p.m., and is due here on March 29, p.m.
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The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Canada arrived at Yokohama on March 26 (Sat.) at 8 a.m., left Yokohama on March 26 (Sat.) at 10 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on April 1 (Fri.) at 9 a.m. She leaves Hong Kong for Manila on April 1 (Fri.) at midnight.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

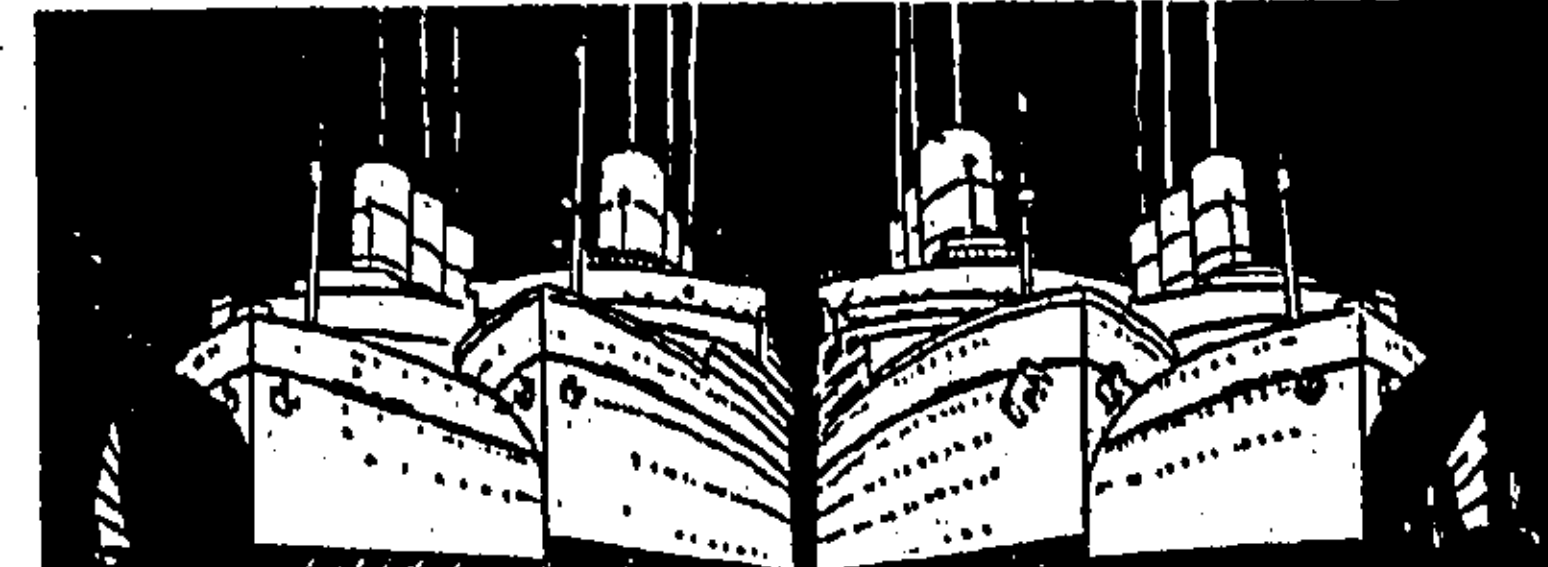
The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
Bridgewater—East wall.
Bruce—South wall.
Cumberland—North arm.
Folkestone—West wall.
Herald—East wall.
Hermes—In dock.
Keppel—North wall.
Marazion—South wall.
Medway and Submarines—No. 2 buoy.
Devonshire—No. 6 buoy.
Pandora—East wall.
Protosus—East wall.
Tamar—Basin.
Venerable—West wall.
Whitehall—North arm.
Whitehall—North arm.
Wren—West wall.
Foreign Men-of-War.
Argue—French river gunboat.
Gil Eanes—Portuguese transport.

STRANGE ADVENTURE IN TRAIN.

I spent two hours the other evening in a private house looking at a series of films taken in the Philippine Islands, China, Persia, Arabia, and India. I can assure you that they were not of the normal travel film variety writes Onlooker in the Daily Mail. Some of the scenes were so unusual, such as the rather grim pictures of the burning ghats at Delhi and Calcutta, that I wondered at the skill and courage of the photographer, and still more so since I knew that they had been taken by a woman.

Let me introduce you to her—Miss Winifred Howard, of Australia, the daughter of the Rev. Henry Howard, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, in New York, who is as well known in England as a preacher as he is in America and throughout Australia. Eight months ago she set out from New York in a tramp steamer, commanded by a Scottish captain and manned entirely by Chinese. She had no plans except to be adventurous and to see out-of-the-way places. For a month she worked with the Chinese in the engineering as a greaser. She visited the Philippines, called at coastal towns in China, made her way to Mukden, thence by slow stages in the same steamer to Sumatra and India, cruised around Persian Gulf, and so to Arabia. In every place she almost disregarded social life, and spent her time among the lowlier people. The Chinese crew guided her and stood by her in all emergencies. Especially, she told me, did she enjoy Arabia, where she made many friends.

Miss Howard is tall, slim, dark, and of striking looks, and is not in the least the type you would expect to show such a masculine spirit of adventure. Her most amusing experience was in the train on her way to Peking. Opposite her was an American woman missionary, who spent half an hour trying to "convert" her until, quite gently, Miss Howard explained who she was, and gave her father's name.



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Emp. of Asia	May 20	May 23	May 24	May 26	May 28	June 4	June 10
Emp. of Canada	June 3	June 6	June 8	June 10	June 16	June 21	July 4
Emp. of Russia	June 17	June 20	June 21	June 23	June 25	July 1	July 19
Emp. of Japan	July 1	July 4	July 6	July 8	July 14	July 19	Aug. 1
Emp. of Asia	July 18	July 21	July 22	July 24	July 28	Aug. 1	Aug. 16
Emp. of Canada	July 29	Aug. 1	Aug. 3	Aug. 5	Aug. 11	Aug. 16	Aug. 24
Emp. of Russia	Aug. 12	Aug. 15	Aug. 16	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 27	Sept. 2
Emp. of Japan	Aug. 25	Aug. 29	Aug. 31	Sept. 2	Sept. 8	Sept. 13	Sept. 26
Emp. of Asia	Sept. 9	Sept. 12	Sept. 13	Sept. 15	Sept. 17	Sept. 23	Oct. 6
Emp. of Canada	Sept. 23	Sept. 26	Sept. 28	Sept. 30	Oct. 6	Oct. 11	Oct. 24
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Emp. of Asia	Nov. 4	Nov. 7	Nov. 8	Nov. 10	Nov. 12	Nov. 18	Dec. 1
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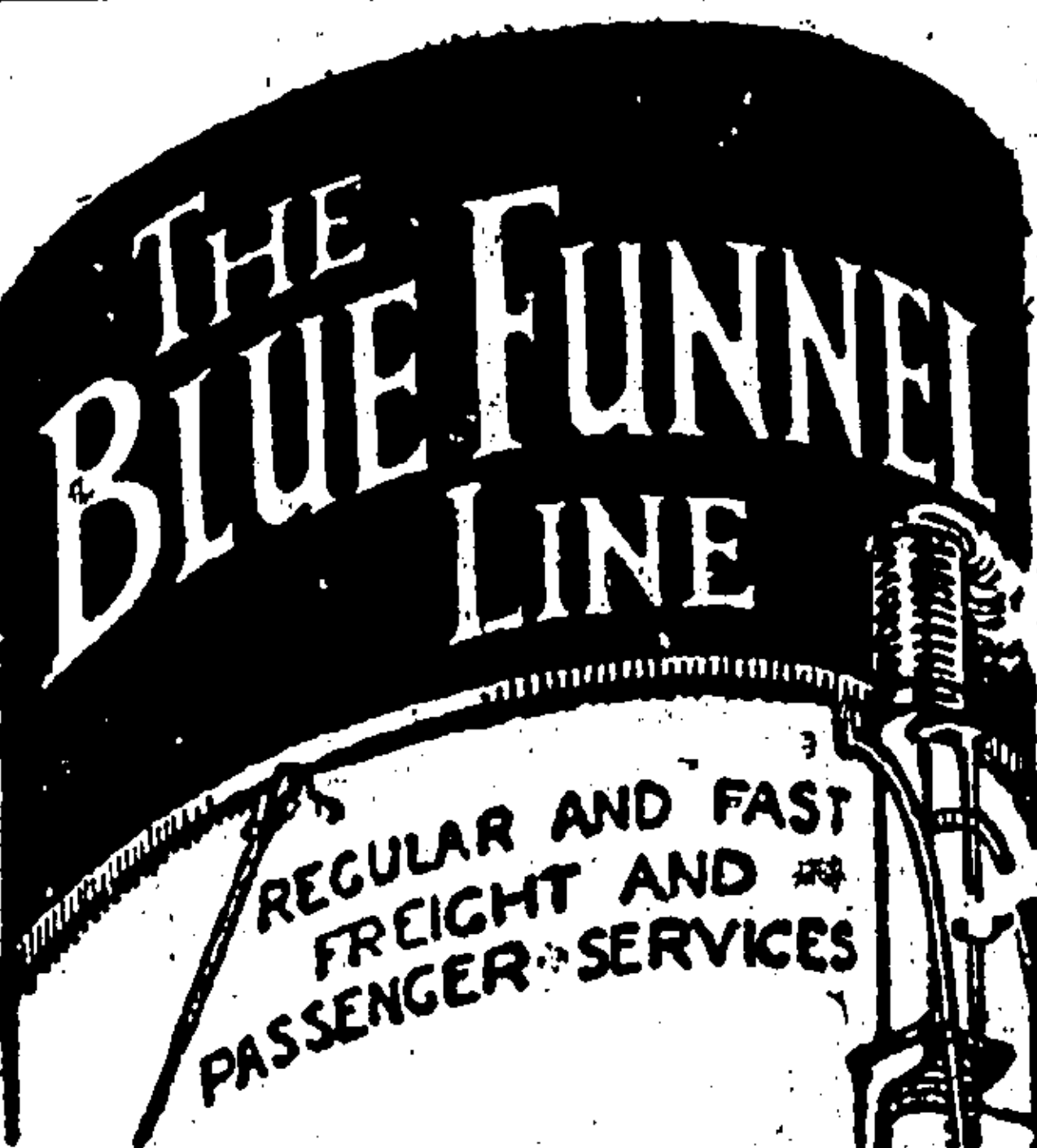
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RANCHI	17,000	5th May	
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TANDA	7,000	8th May	Shanghai, Kobe, Osaka & Yama.
NALDERA	18,000	19th May	
*BHUTAN	6,500	29th May	
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Every year fog at sea takes its toll of lives and shipping. Not all the cunning and ingenuity of man, with all the scientific aids from directional radio, to the submarine "leader" cable, have succeeded in robbing the fog-fiend of his power. The best that can be said is that his claws have been clipped a little. But there is still terror in the choking, blinding pall which he casts over the surface of the water for those who follow the sea, writes Commander Frank Worsley, D.S.O., O.B.E., R.D., R.N.R., in the Nautical Magazine.

Fog changes the safe channel into a bewildering maze, the ocean highway into a death-trap, imposes a terrific strain on navigators and appreciably slows down the commerce of the world.

Some of the great disasters in maritime history have been caused by fog, and the most careful navigation has not brought immunity. The treasure of the Egypt, to raise which tremendous efforts have been made during the past year, was sent to the bottom in the hold of a fine liner through collision in fog. This P. & O. liner was holed, and sank 20 miles off Finisterre, in May, 1922, though her master had brought her to a stop and had exercised the keenest vigilance. The collision between the Republic and the Florida, famous for being the first occasion on which wireless telegraphy was instrumental in bringing aid to a sinking ship, occurred during a dense fog off Nantucket in 1909, and the terrible tragedy of the Empress of Ireland, which sank in a few moments with the loss of 1,014 lives in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, was due to a bank of fog which came down on the water, blanketing out all visibility to look-out men, and cleared away almost immediately after the ships had collided.

When the steamer Bourgoyne was sunk during fog in 1888 there perished among the 545 victims two Americans, Mr. and Mrs. Pollak. So distressed were their heirs that they offered a prize of 100,000 francs for an apparatus that would overcome the danger of fog at sea. Twenty-two years later a French newspaper recalled this prize and mentioned that it had not been won. It has not been won even now, and navigators prophesy that it will never be won. The best the science can do is to attempt to minimise the chances of collision or grounding.

Amongst the many ingenious devices by which ships can keep on their course in fog, one of the most promising is the "leader" cable. These cables are laid in the fairway leading into port. They are charged with an electric current, and sound instruments on the bridge of ships are actuated by

this current. Navigating officers can tell by the quality of the sound what are their positions in relation to the cable, and in this way can be led into port. This, however, has nothing to do with minimising the dangers of collision.

Apart from the usual fog signals given by syrens or bells, there is an apparatus known as the "ear" of a ship. It is a well-known fact that sound travels with great speed (4,900 feet a second) under water and that it can be heard for vast distances. Colladon, an early experimenter, discovered that the blows of an ordinary hammer on a handbell struck under water could be heard for eight miles, and from this discovery emerged the submarine bell, so that ships fitted with this device can make their presence heard to ships carrying receiving apparatus over great areas.

It is, however, when ships are close to one another and in crowded waters that the great danger exists. A code of signals exists, and the ears of look-out men and officers of the watch are strained to the utmost in fog to pick up the messages that bells and syrens give. For instance, a liner sounds her siren one long blast every two minutes as she proceeds, emitting a fear-inspiring wail not particularly soothing to the nerves of those who may be in the vicinity in a fishing smack or, for that matter, to the passengers in the liner, who may have to hear this monotonous sound for hours, even days on end. On one occasion the Cunarder Andania had to sound her siren thus all the way from Montreal to Plymouth without cessation.

When a liner stops her engines she signifies that she has done so to other craft by giving two long blasts every two minutes with an interval of a second between blasts. If she finds that she must drop anchor, then the signal becomes the bell, which is sounded for five seconds every minute.

One of the great nerve-straining things about fog and the signals by ships is that it is almost impossible to tell from what point of the compass a sound is coming. The officer of the watch may hear the boom of a siren getting slowly clearer and clearer and may know never be won. The best the science can do is to attempt to minimise the chances of collision or grounding.

vicinity, or it may mean something considerably more fear-inspiring, that is, the presence of a ship under way but out of control. Luckily the latter contingency is not a very frequent one.

For ships groping their way towards land there is now the radio lightship. One such vessel is stationed at Nantucket Shoals, on the coast of America, a locality notorious for fogs. This ship flashes a light as does any ordinary lightship in the usual way, but it also sends out radio signals of four dashes at thirty-second intervals, enabling vessels fitted with direction-finding radio apparatus to locate her and get their bearings accordingly.

This lightship is not so likely, perhaps, to get run down in fog as are lightships which show a light only. Getting run down is one of the big terrors of lightship crew, and that their fears are not groundless is proved by the incidents of this kind which have occurred.

S.O.S. MESSAGES.

Last Year's Figures Show Decrease.

The figures of S.O.S. broadcasts for last year when compared with those of the previous two years show that a steady reduction in numbers has been going on. The total for 1931 was 833, the figures for 1930 and 1929 842 and 881 respectively. Of last year's total only 335 produced successful results, the proportion being but the same as in previous years.

The number of messages concerning illness was 391 and concerning missing people 134.

In the north region the totals of S.O.S. messages were 122 in 1931, 102 in 1930, and (Manchester and Newcastle) 78 in 1929. The percentage of successes was 20.5 last year, 21.6 in 1930, and 24.4 in 1929. Last year the messages in respect of illness numbered 42, the percentage of successes being 83.1; missing persons total 78, percentage of successes 12.3.

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

March 28 to April 3, 1932.

Date	High Water Standard Ht.	Low Water Standard Ht.
Mar. 28	02 20 3.9 06 05 3.2	12 59 6.4 21 05 1.8
Tues. 29	13 45 6.4 22 38 1.3	
Wed. 30	14 50 6.1 23 57 1.1	
Thurs. 31	08 48 4.3 09 58 4.2	16 28 6.0
April 1	08 40 4.5 06 58 1.1	18 05 6.0 11 40 4.0
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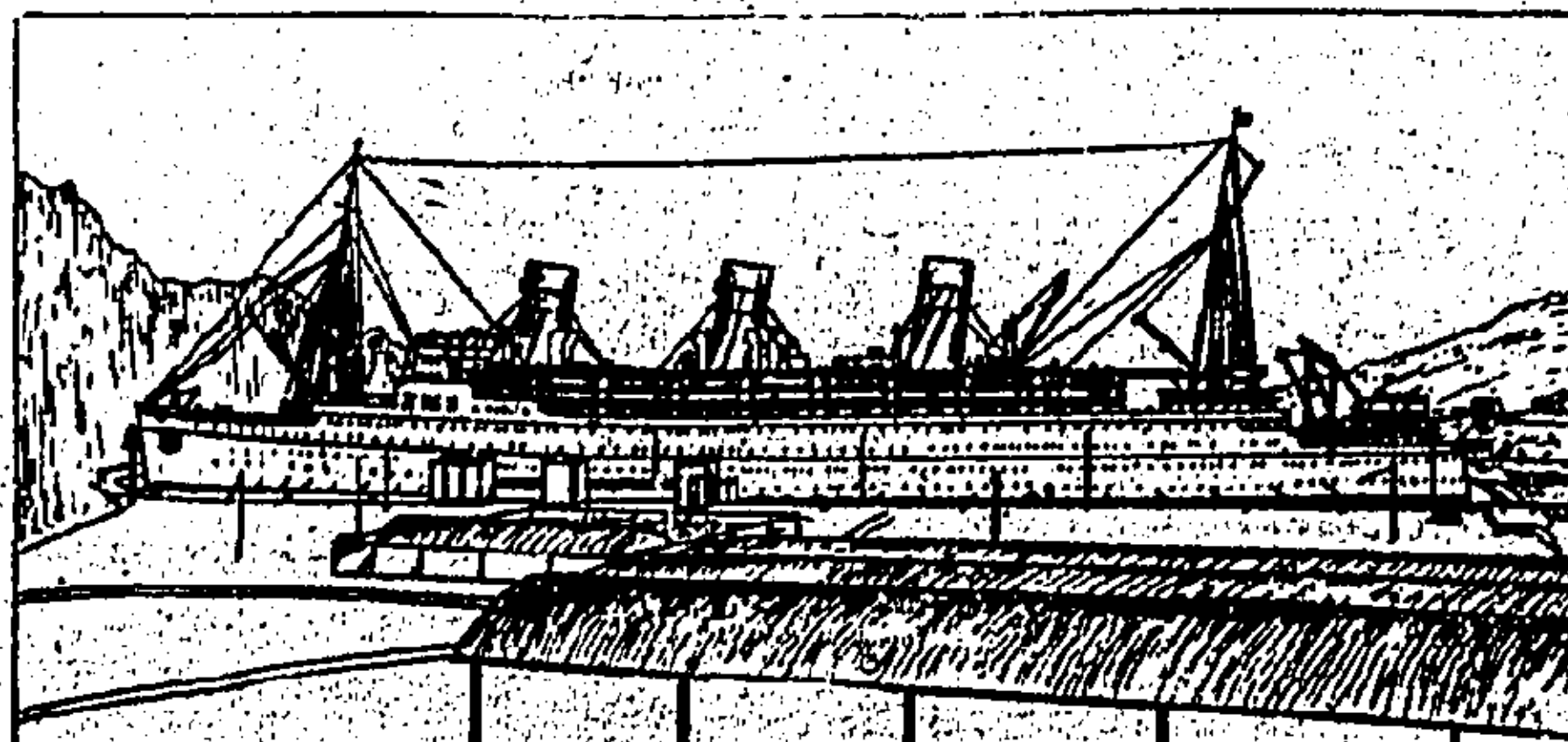
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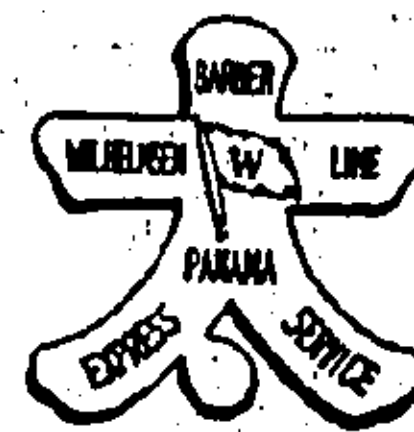
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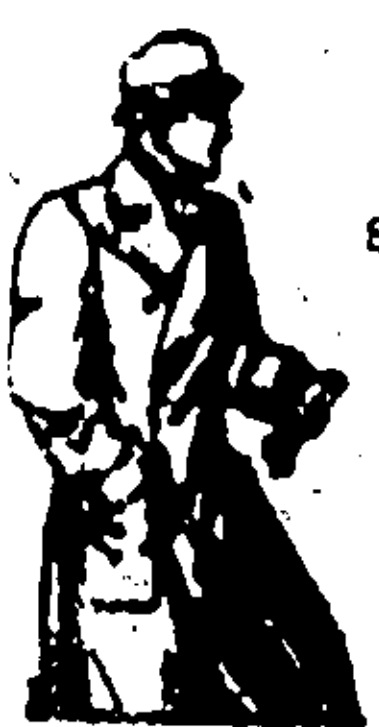
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INSANE FATHER'S PROTEST

KILLED BABY TO STOP
WIFE SUFFERING.

RIGHT TO KILL PLEA.

The lunacy commission, appointed to examine James Stenhouse, the Liverpool ex-Serviceman, who was accused of the murder of his insane child, has pronounced him insane.

Stenhouse still protests that he is sane. He will be committed to an asylum, but, if subsequent examinations prove him to be sane, he will have to face a prosecution.

Stenhouse said he could not see the child suffer, nor watch unmoved the suffering of his wife.

"One night," he continued, "I obtained chloroform and whisky."

"I drank some whisky and ap-

plied the chloroform. When the boy stopped breathing, I threw up the window, smoked some cigarettes, and called the doctor."

Saw Nothing Strange.

The doctor saw nothing strange in the death. After the child was buried, Stenhouse told his wife.

Mrs. Stenhouse said her husband could not sleep well after the baby's death. He would visit the grave at night, and one night he slept on the grave.

"I am sure I did right to kill the boy," Stenhouse said to the police.

The Grand Jury refused to return a true bill against him, and recommended that he be sent before a lunacy commission.

The man, who was formerly in the Royal Engineers, emigrated to Canada, and went to Milwaukee, near Millersburg, nine years ago.

NEW INVENTION FOR ANIMALS HELP THE
BLIND.Enabled to Read Any
Book.

Through the courtesy of M. and Mme. Thomas, the inventor of the "photo-electrograph," the new apparatus enabling the blind to read, I am able to give details of their invention, writes the Paris correspondent of the Morning Post.

The principle of the method, M. Thomas explained, is the same as that employed in transmitting photographs by wireless. The letters of the book or newspaper which is being read are "scanned" in succession as a powerful light moves across the text, and the image of the letters is projected by a system of mirrors and prisms on to a "Chinese screen" consisting of 42 photo-electric cells.

The characteristic of these cells, it will be remembered, is that when illuminated they give a current; when left in the shadow they do not. It is this peculiarity which enables the photographic impression taken of the print to transmit a mechanical movement, the result of which is sensible to the touch.

Each cell forms part of a circuit which, through a relay, controls an electro magnet, which in turn gives an up or down movement to one of a cluster of thin metal rods. The ends of these rods, of about the size of large pinheads, are brought together in a compact little square under the finger of the reader. The rate at which the operation takes place is controlled by a handle worked by the reader and the speed of ending therefore depends solely on the latter's touch.

Simplified Braille.

The choice of extension to 42 of the number of cells enables almost any known type to be reproduced, but the system could, of course, be enlarged to whatever limit was required.

For reading Braille, M. and Mme. Thomas have perfected a second apparatus similar in all respects to the other except that it contains only six photo-electric cells, these being all that are necessary to delineate the Braille signs. Blind people who are unable or unwilling to learn the new method would thus be considerably helped to read Braille.

They would also benefit by another important innovation, which consists of a new kind of print based like Braille on the system of six symbols, but occupying much less space. As is well-known, one of the great drawbacks of Braille is the size of the text. With the Thomas system a novel, capable of being read by those who are only practised in Braille, need not take up any more room than an ordinary book.

The invention, which may revolutionise the lives of the blind, is the result of twelve years' patient work. M. Thomas told me. He and his wife, who are both over 60, have spent the whole of their personal fortune and the best part of their lives perfecting the method, and now all that they are anxious about is to see their invention brought speedily within reach of all the blind and obtain enough money to retire on.

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PLOT TO WRECK
ROYAL TRAIN.Disaster Averted by
Look-out Man.

DUKE'S STORY.

The Duke of Saragossa, whose lineage is said to be even more exalted than the Spanish Royal family, has decided to earn his living in future as an engine-driver, and with the approval of the chief trade union he has been passed as a main line driver of the first class, and will take daily "trips" on express trains serving the French Frontier.

In his new role as an ordinary workman, the Duke has broken silence for the first time regarding his most thrilling trip on the foot-plate, when he drove the train containing the Spanish Queen and members of the Royal Family towards the French Frontier and safety after the revolution.

Most Trying Trip.

He agrees that this was the most trying trip he ever made, for on the one hand it had been impressed on him that the very lives of the party depended on getting them into French territory without a moment of delay and on the other he was told that there was always the possibility of revolutionary mobs over-coming the Republican forces and getting on to the railway to tear up the line or take other measures to wreck the train with its precious freight.

"All that journey," the Duke said as he stood in overalls with oilcan in hand overhauling his engine, "our nerves were on edge, for in addition to the ordinary responsibility of maintaining a run to schedule over a very difficult section we had to be on the look-out for any signs of interference with the permanent way."

Looking-Out's Warning.

"It was not until we were about 50 kilometres from the French frontier, nearing a point where there is a siding for the shunting of local trains for the convenience of fast international expresses 'running late' that some little thing only likely to be noted by a trained look-out man attracted the attention of my observer-freeman, who drew my attention to it."

"In a flash I realised that the trains had been interfered with and that in all probability we should be switched on to the siding."

"At the rate we were going that would have meant certain disaster, because once on to this switch it would be impossible to pull up before the buffers were reached."

"I jammed on the brakes at once, and as the train began to slow down I was torn with anxiety as to whether we could stop before the danger point was reached."

Fortunately we did pull up with only a few yards to spare.

"Had my look-out man noticed the danger as little as a second later nothing could have saved us."

Passengers Not Told.

"My mate and I descended and examined the line. Apart from shifting the points the miscreants had interfered with them in such a way that there was the additional danger of the train jumping the rails if we had approached at our ordinary speed."

"It took us nearly ten minutes putting the thing right," but fortunately my engineering and mechanical training had made me equal to the emergency. To this day I have not told my passengers what had happened."

On one occasion when travelling with the King of England he asked permission to take charge of the train from Dover to London; but the railway company could not agree, having regard to the fact that they were responsible for the safety and comfort of ordinary passengers who might not have felt secure with a strange driver.

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" Prime Cut	牛尾肉	"	80	28 11
" Corned	牛尾肉	"	40	23 12
" Roast	牛尾肉	"	34	24 22
" Breast	牛尾肉	"	32	20 18
" Soup	牛尾肉	"	28	20 18
" Steak	牛尾肉	"	34	24 22
" Steak Sirloin	牛尾肉	"	46	30 35
" Sausages	牛尾肉	"	38	24 30
Sullock's Brains	牛尾肉	per set	17	10 12
" Tongue, fresh	牛尾肉	each	80	50 60
" Tongue, corned	牛尾肉	"	1.00	60 —
" Head	牛尾肉	"	1.00	— \$1.20
" Heart	牛尾肉	lb.	24	18 14
" Hump, salt	牛尾肉	"	—	30 18
" Feet	牛尾肉	each	12	10 12
" Kidneys	牛尾肉	"	16	10 12
" Tail	牛尾肉	"	27	20 22
" Liver	牛尾肉	lb.	20	13 14
" Tripe	牛尾肉	"	8	6 7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛尾肉	set	\$1.50	\$1.00 \$1.00
Mutton Chop	牛尾肉	lb.	60	26 —
" Leg	牛尾肉	"	60	26 —
" Shoulder	牛尾肉	"	60	24 —
" Saddle	牛尾肉	"	60	— —
Pig's Chittlings	牛尾肉	Per set	4	— —
" Brains	牛尾肉	lb.	16	15 —
" Feet	牛尾肉	"	80	15 18
" Head	牛尾肉	"	20	20 —
" Heart	牛尾肉	each	18	10 10
" Kidneys	牛尾肉	"	15	10 8
" Liver	牛尾肉	lb.	58	80 84
Pork Chop	牛尾肉	"	38	25 28
" Leg	牛尾肉	"	40	— —
" Loin	牛尾肉	"	44	60 70
" Fat or Lard	牛尾肉	"	25	21 —
Sheep's Head & Feet	牛尾肉	per set	90	60 70
" Heart	牛尾肉	each	18	8 7
" Kidneys	牛尾肉	"	15	12 10
" Liver	牛尾肉	"	45	26 35
Sacking Pig, to order	牛尾肉	lb.	25	25 25
Stout, Beef	牛尾肉	"	34	20 18
" Mutton	牛尾肉	"	55	26 26
" Veal	牛尾肉	"	45	20 20
" Sausages	牛尾肉	"	28	— —
" No. 1	牛尾肉	"	38	— —

Fish.

Barbel	魚	lb.	56	16 24
Bream	魚	"	38	20 16
Canton Fresh Water	魚	"	32	— —
Carp	魚	"	38	13 16
Catfish	魚	"	38	16 27
Codfish	魚	"	30	12 9
Crabs	魚	lb.	60	16 24
Cuttle Fish	魚	"	24	28 26
Dab	魚	"	28	16 37
Dace	魚	"	48	23 16
Dog Fish	魚	"	20	10 —
Eels, Conger	魚	"	70	10 8
" Fresh Water	魚	"	76	16 —
" Yellow	魚	"	54	10 8
Frogs	魚	"	90	26 30
Gardoon	魚	"	95	32 25
Gudgeon	魚	"	22	40 30
Herrings	魚	"	30	22 18
Halibut	魚	"	36	18 23
Labrus	魚	"	35	18 15
Loach	魚	"	85	22 13
Lobsters	魚	"	65	62 24
Macarel	魚	"	44	32 21
Monk Fish	魚	"	46	20 20
Mullet	魚	"	36	13 2
Oysters	魚	"	44	12 2
Parrot Fish	魚	"	26	14 9
Perch	魚	"	28	30 16
Pike	魚	"	44	16 9
Plaice	魚	"	52	36 29
Pomfret, White	魚	"	66	38 30
Pomfret, Black	魚	"	48	36 45
Prawns	魚	"	90	10 14
Ray	魚	"	24	10 14
Rock Fish	魚	"	28	18 13
Roach	魚	"	35	22 10
Salmon	魚	"	64	34 30
Shark	魚	"	20	8 10
Skate	魚	"	20	10 10
Shrimps	魚	"	72	33 30
Skipper	魚	"	48	38 30
Soles	魚	"	54	22 28
Tench	魚	"	42	20 38
Turbot	魚	"	40	12 13
Turkey, small fr. water	魚	"	155	12 13

Poultry.

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		Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Chickens	雞	lb.	62	30 31
Capon, Small	雞	"	60	28 30
Capon, Large	雞	"	64	28 30
Duck	鴨	"	48	22 21
Doves	鴿	each	—	22 21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	蛋	per doz.	38	18 —
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	蛋	"	40	25 20
Fowls, Canton	雞	lb.	72	36 24
Fowls, Hainan	雞	"	60	35 24
Geese	鴨	"	50	24 24
Pigeons, Canton	鴿	each	55	30 —
" Hollow	鴿	"	46	29 —
Turkeys, Cook	火雞	lb.	80	— —
Turkeys, Hen	火雞	"	70	61 45
Snipe	鴨	each	30	— —
Pheasant	鴨	pair	250	— —
Quail	鴨	each	50	— —
Partridges	鴨	"	1.20	— —

Fruits.

Almonds	杏仁	lb.	1.20	35 —
Apples (California)	金山蘋果	"	24	26 —
Bananas (Bride's)	金山香蕉	"	6	4 —
Carabolas	佛手	"	—	12 —
Cocconuts	椰子	each	14	10 10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	10	25 30
Lemons (American)	金山檸檬	each	12	8 —
Lichens, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	1.00	25 30
Oranges (Canton)	新會橙	"	26	— —
Oranges	橙	"	20	— 15
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	"	30	— —
Peanuts	花生	"	14	10 13
Perseimmons, Large	紅桔	"	—	12 —
Plantain	大蕉	"	—	8 —
Pineapple, Siam	鳳梨	each	13	12 6
Walnuts	核桃	lb.	30	— 16
Grapes	番提子	"	—	— —

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes	菊竹	each	18	— 2
Beans, Sprout	豆苗	lb.	6	— 7
" Long	豆苗	"	—	— 8
Beet Root	紅菜	"	12	— —
Bitter Squash	苦瓜	"	8	24 —
Brinjals, Green	青瓜	"	8	5 8
" Red	紅瓜	"	6	5 8
Cabbages, Chinese	芥菜	"	10	— —
" (Shanghai)	上海菜	"	12	12 —
Cans Shooks, bunch	菜花	"	4	— —
Cauliflower (Large)	大花椰菜	each	20	— —
" (Medium)	中花椰菜	"	16	— —
" (Small)	小花椰菜	"	12	6 8
Carrots	金菜	lb.	6	5 6
Celery, Chinese	芹菜	"	12	10 6
Chilies, Dried	紅辣椒	"	18	25 6
" Red	紅辣椒	"	14	10 10
" Green	青辣椒	"	8	5 12
Curry Stuff, English	咖喱粉	"	10	8 —
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AUSTRALIAN DISASTER.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

Adelaide, Yesterday.
 Seventy-five persons were thrown into the water and had to struggle for their lives in tossing seas when a squall swept the seaside resorts to-day with disastrous results.

Twenty-two yachts capsized, and five members of the crew of the champion yacht, Sunny South, were drowned.

OBITUARY.

Motor Industry King Passes Away.

HENRY MARTIN LELAND.

Detroit, Yesterday.

The death has occurred of the Grand Old Man of the motor industry, Mr. Henry Martin Leland. Reuter's American Service.

"MICKEY" HUNT.

Farewell Party to Police Officer.

GOING HOME ON LEAVE.

Police Sub-Inspector R. J. ("Mickey") Hunt, who is shortly proceeding Home on leave, was the guest of honour at a tea party held at the Chinese Police Reserve Club on Saturday evening, when a presentation was made to him in the presence of a large gathering. The Hon. Dr. S. W. T'so presided, and was supported by Mr. D. L. King, D.S.P. (R), and Mr. Chan Lim-pak.

The gift was a gold watch fob made in the form of a Police Reserve Badge. In making the presentation, the Hon. Dr. T'so stressed on the large amount of work that Sub-Inspector Hunt had done for the Chinese Company, particularly as regards squad drill and methods of defence. Mr. Hunt had devoted all his leisure time to this work, and the Chinese Company were indeed very grateful to him.

Sub-Inspector Hunt replied in a few chosen words, saying that all that he had done for the Company was in the performance of his duty, and he was very glad to have been of assistance.

Opportunity was taken during the party to distribute prizes won in the recent billiard handicap tournament conducted by the Company, the ceremony being performed by Mr. Chan Lim-pak.

The prize winners were:—
 1st prize:—Lo Hau-kan.
 2nd prize:—Kwok Chan.
 3rd prize:—Leung Kwok-choi.
 Highest Break:—Ho Sit-yu.

BOTTLE INDUSTRY.

Fewer drinks require fewer bottles, and the falling off in the consumption of liquid refreshments during the past year has heavily hit the German bottle manufacturing industry. The year's production amounted to only 640 million bottles—a decline of 41 per cent. compared with the previous year.—Exchange.

AUSTRALIAN ENGINEER IN TROUBLE.

Charged with Possession of Arms.

A DESTITUTE?

An Australian, John Alexander Pagett (32), described as an unemployed mechanical engineer, and a native of Brinda Village, New South Wales, was arrested by Sergeant M. Flaherty in Johnston Road, Wanchai, yesterday, in possession of arms.

Pagett appeared in the dock of the Central Police Court this morning, before Mr. Wynne-Jones, charged with the unlawful possession of an automatic pistol and seven rounds of ammunition, without a permit from the I.G.P.

For the Police, Det-Sergeant Kennedy informed his Worship that he had been instructed to ask for a remand of twenty-four hours.

Mr. Wynne-Jones: Why? Any special reason?

Sergeant Kennedy replied the Police desired to make enquiries as there was something known about the man at Police Headquarters. He suggested that if bail was granted it should be very substantial.

His Worship suggested bail of \$2,500.

Pagett stated that he could not secure the money as he had no friends here. He was destitute, and was trying to sell the arms in order to raise money to enable him to proceed to Canton. He was unaware of local regulations, and did not know he was violating the law. He had formerly worked in the Philippine Islands, and had only recently arrived from Amoy on the s.s. Halyang.

His Worship granted the remand asked for, and bail in the sum stated.

LUNATIC CAUSES DISTURBANCE.

Forcibly Ejected by Inmates.

Stated to be insane, a Chinese who went to a house in Portland Street on Saturday night and created a disturbance was forcibly ejected by the inmates of the house. The man, Ho Wai, aged 58, of 169, Portland Street, went to 187, Portland Street, where he started to create a disturbance. He is stated to have refused to leave the premises when requested. A tenant of the house was obliged to use force and caused injuries to the intruder's face. He was later taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

QUARRY TRAGEDY.

Labourer Killed at Taikoktsui.

During blasting operations at the Government quarry, Taikoktsui, a stone breaker, named Chau Cheung (25), who lives at a hut in Kap Sek-mei village, was severely injured as the result of being struck by a large piece of rock. He was removed to the Kowloon Hospital, where he died this morning.

MOTOR LORRY IN COLLISION.

Hits Wall and Bursts Into Flames.

Damage to a gas light standard and the railings of the nullah in Park Road, in front of the Fairlea School, was caused yesterday when a motor lorry collided with the wall and then caught fire.

Repairs were being made to a gas light standard outside the Fairlea School and the lorry attempted to pass another vehicle at this spot. It was badly damaged before the arrival of the Fire Brigade.

Bound for Fanling from Shataukok, a motor-lorry ran off the road into a paddy-field on Friday to avoid a labourer who ran across the road.

There were four other men on the lorry besides the driver. The lorry turned over and all five were slightly injured, but refused to go to hospital.

The lorry was a complete wreck, the front being smashed.

"RED" OLYMPIAD.

To Be Staged in Moscow in August.

Moscow.
 The "Red" Olympic Games or "Spartakiad" will take place in Moscow in August.

Ten thousand foreign sportsmen and women are expected by the National Council of Physical Culture, while 50,000 Soviet athletes will compete. A special stadium to seat 120,000 is being built.—British United Press.

TWO CATAPULTS.

For German Air Mail Service.

Berlin.
 To ensure regularity in the planned air service linking Germany with South America, the German Lufthansa are considering the establishment of two large catapult plants, one in British Gambia and the other on the island of Fernando Noronha.

This would enable the starting of the flying-boats when, without the device, they might be detained by rough seas.—Exchange.

LEOPARD IN A FLAT.

A leopard brought home from Africa three years ago and kept as a tame pet in the flat of a Berlin artist recently tore a two-year-old girl from her mother's arms and mauled and bit her to death. The mother made desperate efforts to protect her child, but she and the artist, who came to her assistance, were both badly injured.

The child's father, the caretaker of the house, managed momentarily to stun the beast with a coal hammer and so captured the animal.

The owner of the leopard is a former traveller and student of African research who has been living and sleeping in the same room with his pet. He had brought it up from a cub and has been earning a small livelihood by working with it for the films. It is expected that he will be charged with manslaughter.

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